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Arna Sloan (left) and Debby Cooper admire an exhibit at the 24th annual Aviva Art Show. Sloan is chairman of Gallery B'nai while Cooper is president of B'nai Aviva Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO. The

show supports youth aliyah and Hadassah services in Israel and promotes Canadian art. It is largest, oldest show of its kind in city, according to CJN critic Bors. (See story, Page 12).—Groskind photo

B'nai B'rith Women of Eastern Canada Region hold first meeting after split with Americans

TORONTO —

Organizers are labelling this weekend's B'nai B'rith Women Eastern Canada leadership conference an historic meeting because it will be the first purely Canadian B'nai B'rith conference of its kind. Last month, BB Eastern Canada Women broke away and became a Canadian constituent group.

American women did not oppose the move but they were surprised Canadians wanted to be identified as Canadians rather than Americans, according to Lucille Bensky of Toronto. Mrs. Bensky is the chairman of the leadership conference and immediate past president of the Eastern Canada Region.

The breakaway, in the

works for some two to three years, was made official at B'nai B'rith's international conference in Washington attended by some 800 women who were addressed by President Ford.

According to Molly Nisker, executive director of BB Women of Eastern Canada, the "Canadianization" was necessary because the needs of Canadian BB women are

different from that of their American counterparts. However, their concerns remain the same, she said.

In spite of their "declaration of independence", Canadian BB is still affiliated with the international organization, they said in an interview.

The Eastern Region, of which Mrs. Rita Vosberg of Montreal is president, extends from Windsor to the Maritimes and has 5,000 members.

The interim leadership conference's keynote speaker on Sunday, May 2 at Hotel Triumph will be Ontario Lieut.-Governor Pauline McGibbon. She will probably speak on women and volunteerism.

Other speakers will be Dr. Harvey Silver, a clinical psychologist; William Morris, president of B'nai B'rith, District 22; Grace Day, vice-

president of BB Women International and Yosef Ya'acov, counselor at the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa. About 150 women are expected to attend.

BB Women of Eastern Canada are active in community service work. Their members participate in programs designed to detect

glaucoma in senior citizens and eye defects in junior kindergarten students. They also work with brain-damaged children. In Jerusalem, they support a treatment centre for children.

They are planning to release a filmstrip about the history of Canadian Jews. A 20-minute film, it will be completed by December of this year. The Canadian government furnished the project with a grant of \$6,500. The film will be shown in schools and public and private institutions.

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Molly Nisker, executive director, BB Women, Toronto (right), and Adele Liederman, president-elect of Montreal BB, meet President Ford at White House ceremony.

Remember the victims, says rabbi

Must never forget Holocaust 'not today, tomorrow or ever'

By SHELTON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "We will not forget, not today, not tomorrow and not ever."

With these ringing words, Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut underlined the determination of the Jewish people to remember the six million Jewish victims who perished in the Holocaust.

The German-born, Holy Blossom Temple rabbi told about 1,500 persons observing Holocaust Memorial Day at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue here Sunday night, that the Jews murdered in concentration camps and in squalid ghettos throughout Europe would not be forgotten, despite criticism from Gentiles and some Jews that there have already been enough Holocaust observances since the end of World War II.

Declaring that Holocaust Memorial Day was vitally important, Rabbi Plaut chastized the critics by telling them "we're not here just for our sakes, but to save you and the world."

Citing the upsurge of old fashioned anti-Semitism, 33 years after the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, Rabbi Plaut noted that when the West German Statute of Limitations expires in 1979, unrepentant Nazis will emerge from their hiding places and new Nazi parties will be formed around the world.

He suggested that people are beginning to forget the Holocaust and that others are rewriting it to suit their political needs. In the last two years, a dozen books have been printed to "prove" the Holocaust never occurred, and at the United Nations, Jews and Nazis are being equated with racism.

In the light of these developments, "it is therefore time to issue a warning," he said. Jews must be alert to the dangers around them, "for if we are not, who will be?"

There are "always those in the woodwork who would come forward at the slightest provocation and wreak havoc," he said.

Referring to an American churchman, Franklin Littell, Rabbi Plaut paraphrased the theologian by telling non-Jews the Holocaust constituted the church's "unfinished business," and deploring the fact that it was virtually ignored by organized Christianity.

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sul in Toronto, said the bravery of the Warsaw Ghetto partisans inspire the soldiers of Israel, and remarked Israel is a repository for the unfulfilled hopes of the six million.

Rabbi Henry Hoschander of Shaarei Shomayim read chapter 37 of Ezekiel and Cantor Harold Klein sang Av Harachamim. Eight students from local Jewish schools lit the memorial candles, and Bat Sheva Paul, Shira Bernholtz and Howard Rypp of York University read the agadoth of the Holocaust. Cantor Martin Rosenblum of

Adath Shalom Synagogue sang Es Brent and Zog Nit Keinmol, the rousing song of Jewish partisans.

Holocaust Memorial Day was observed across the country. In Montreal, a community-wide commemoration was held at Chevra Kadisha-B'nai Jacob Synagogue. Keynote speakers were Ira Hirshman, who was the American representative on the War Refugee Board, and Sam Bloch, secretary-general of the World Federation of the Bergen, Beisen Survivors Association.

In Winnipeg, a city block

was renamed "Avenue of the Warsaw Ghetto Heroes" for the duration of Holocaust Memorial Week. The community in St. John's, Nfld. heard an address by Minister of Energy and Development John Crosbie, and in Ottawa, a city hall ceremony marked the opening of an exhibit on Yad Vashem. Meanwhile, Vancouver's Jews watched the film Let My People Go, and Marjorie Morris and Oscar Osipow presented an evaluation of it.

(See picture on page 3 and editorial on page 4.)

Montreal budgets slashed in favor of target areas receiving additional funds

By JANICE ARNOLD

MONTREAL —

Jewish Family Services, Jewish Vocational Services, the Jewish Public Library, Hillel and Jewish camps have been allocated less than, or the same funds, as in the 1976 Allied Jewish Community Services budget in order that the "target" areas — education, services for the elderly, and the anti-poverty program — can have the needed extra money.

In general, money to individual services has been recommended for increase while group services have been asked to hold the line.

A net total of \$3,798,897, more than \$147,000 over last year, was allotted to the 22

constituent agencies. National agencies are scheduled for \$78,933. (AJCS pays 36.6% of the costs for Canadian Jewish Congress, Jewish Immigrant Aid Services and the United Jewish Relief Agency as defined by the National Budgeting Conference.)

Funds to the United Israel Appeal for overseas transmissions, previously made by UJRA, dropped by \$294,377 from 1975.

All figures in the AJCS budget are preliminary and will be subject to negotiation in mid-May with the UJA. Budget cuts had to be made when the \$250,000 more collected during the 1975 Combined Jewish Appeal proved inadequate in the face of inflation and rising

demands. The budget is balanced this year for the first time.

Jewish day schools have been given a 10% increase over last year and total expenditures in Jewish education will account for about 27% of the total budget. A decrease of \$32,123 to post-secondary Jewish education (universities will now absorb a higher percentage of costs) will allow for more money to be spent elsewhere.

Things look brighter for the Golden Age Association which, in addition to higher government grants, will receive \$25,000 more than the previous year.

The elderly will also be helped by a special allocation of \$17,000 to defray the cost of moving into Harry Bronfman Square, the new low-rent apartment complex opened this year.

The Jewish Nursing Home has been allotted the requested \$373,830 for its placement bureau, up \$113,951 from 1975.

Over \$320,000 is recommended for the AJCS anti-poverty program, much of it to be issued in direct cash supplements to needy families. This represents a substantial increase over the \$250,267 allocated previously.

It is hoped that the agencies who will have to operate on last year's budget will recoup extra dollars through other sources of income.

JVS was forced to cancel a counselling program for students who are under-achievers. Funds to children's camps showed an overall drop of \$15,607 and non-constituent camps will not be financed this year.

Student aid was eliminated and the AJCS scholarship fund was reduced by a third. Administrators at the YMWHA believe they will have to raise fees because what they feel is an insufficient grant.

The Jewish General Hospital's allocation was pared by half to \$50,000.

Cultural programs, such as a "scholar in residence" and money for the publication of certain Jewish literature, was eliminated although the Yiddish language Kanader Adler, at first in danger of losing its \$5,000 subsidy, will continue to be financed.

UJA to honor Posluns

TORONTO —

UJA Campaign Chairman Wilfred Posluns will be honored at a tribute dinner Monday, May 10 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

From now until then canvassers will make an all-out effort to cover all the cards still outstanding. They will be phoning prospects in a series of daily daytime

telethons from UJA headquarters, and will make personal calls. The final effort will come on May 10 when a blitz day will be held prior to the dinner.

A letter sent to canvassers signed by Irving Levine and Lionel Robbins, chairmen of the Business division; Morris Starkman, chairman of professions, and Lionel Schip-

per, special gifts chairman, states that "the biggest tribute we can pay to our campaign chairman, Wilfred Posluns, is to raise the maximum amount possible for the UJA."

CP changes Israel route

TORONTO —

Canadian Pacific Airlines has changed the starting point of its Tel Aviv flight from Toronto to Montreal. The change came into effect on Monday, April 26.

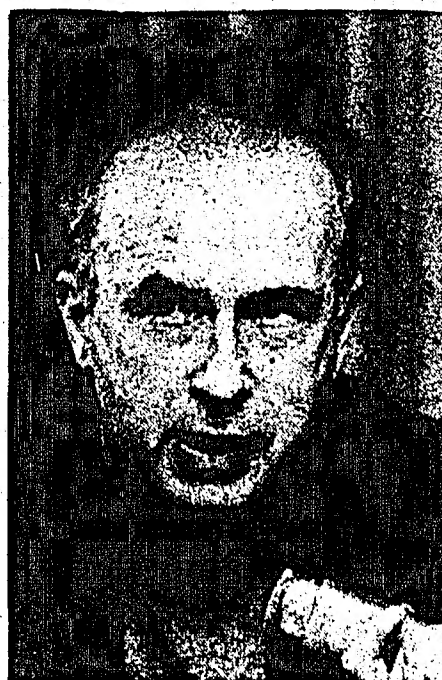
The rescheduling calls for CP jets to leave on Mondays rather than Sundays. There will be a stop in Madrid. Return flights from Israel will end in Toronto.

CP Air, the only Canadian airline with service to Israel, inaugurated the route five years ago. The old flight saw the plane leave from Toronto and stop in Montreal, Milan and Athens before flying into Ben-Gurion Airport in Israel.

Herzog lecture draws strong response

Because of the strong community response for tickets to hear Israel's United Nations Ambassador Chaim Herzog at the "Program Of Strength And Solidarity" on Thursday evening, May 13th, sponsored by Toronto State Of Israel Bonds, seating is being assigned in preferred sections based on date of receipt of bond pledge and ticket request. The event is being held in the main sanctuary of Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave., at 8:30 p.m. on May 13. Admission by the minimum pledge of \$1,000 per family in 1976 — maximum two tickets per family.

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Premier Yitzhak Rabin

Five major challenges are key to Israel's welfare

JERUSALEM (JTA) —

"The search for peace" was described by Premier Yitzhak Rabin as "the supreme priority" among the "five major challenges" which "together hold the key" to the "collective welfare" of Israel and world Jewry on the 28th anniversary of the independence of the state of Israel. The anniversary will be celebrated May 5.

In a message to fellow Israelis and Jews all over the world, Rabin elucidated on the meaning of Israel's independence. He said, "It draws a line between past survival by chance and future existence by self-will; of being helplessly controlled by events and of controlling events by our own

choice, means and purpose."

It is, Rabin's message said, "a celebration of the victory of the Jewish spirit over every suppressor and despot, past and present. It is a Jewish festival of freedom as lasting and as indestructible as the values, the faith and the heritage which inspired it." As the second "major challenge" after the search for peace, Rabin listed "the strengthening of our neighbors remains one of hostility, we have no choice but to continue to invest heavily in our self-defence."

The third challenge, Rabin said, was "the further consolidation of our economic infrastructure: an essential component of Israel's strength is its economic

development which must continue to expand. This requires of us to work even harder, export more and consume less. It requires of the free Jewish world to invest in Israel in an unprecedented fashion and share, thereby in its up-building."

Rabin listed as the fourth challenge "the closing of the social gap" in Israel. He noted that after 28 years of independence, "we are still engaged in the great human effort to give all our citizens equality of opportunity through better education, better skills, better housing and a better quality of life. Here too, his message said, "Israel continues to look to the generosity of the free Jewish world to give of its best in

helping to create with us the instruments to meet the human needs of our society."

The premier said that the fifth challenge was to further strengthen the bonds between Israel and the Jewish people. "Herein lies the real strength of Israel and of our people everywhere. Our future, like our past, is one. It must be forged ever stronger and ever deeper through a new priority for Jewish education. It has to express itself through a new commitment to aliyah. And it must be reflected in closer ties of intimacy through volunteer efforts in Israel, visits to Israel in unprecedented numbers, the sharing of material means, public solidarity and an ever meaningful dialogue of thinking."

Rabin said that these Jewish priorities "relate to the welfare of all of us and not least to our brethren in countries where freedom is denied them — the remnants of communities in Arab countries where they are held hostage and the great Jewish community of the Soviet Union."

The premier's message also paid tribute to Israel's "sons and daughters who sacrificed all so that we might celebrate this day — those who fell in the struggle for our freedom and in the subsequent battles to protect it. Their legacy is precious."

(See editorial on page 4.)

World News



David Elazar is carried to his grave by six major-generals. Elazar, who was chief of staff of the Israeli army during Yom Kippur War, died two weeks ago of a heart attack at the age of 51. At his death, he was chairman of Zim Lines. (IPPA)

'Dado' document finds 'loopholes' in inquiry

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A document which the late Gen. David ("Dado") Elazar prepared two years ago, challenging the findings of the Agranat Committee that as chief of staff he was responsible for Israel's lack of military preparedness when the Yom Kippur War broke out, was made public — one day after Elazar was buried with full military honors on Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem.

The retired former chief of staff died of a heart attack in Tel Aviv, at the age of 51.

He submitted the document, at the time of his resignation in April, 1974, to Premier Yitzhak Rabin, members of the cabinet and to the members of the Agranat Committee appointed by Premier

Golda Meir in 1973 to investigate events leading up to the Yom Kippur War and Israel's conduct of the battle.

In it, Elazar took issue with two charges levelled against him by the Agranat panel — that he did not warn of the imminence of war in October, 1973 and that he, rather than the then Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, was responsible for Israel's failure to mobilize in time.

Comments on the so-called "Dado document" indicated that persons in senior positions found "loopholes" in the Agranat report and that some cabinet ministers did not wholeheartedly back the findings but were reluctant to say so at the time.

Some ministers, in fact, reportedly proposed the appointment of Elazar to be Israel's ambassador to the U.S., indicating their trust and high regard for the general after reading the Agranat report.

Elazar claimed in the document that Dayan failed to exercise his legal authority to call up the reserves on the eve of the Yom Kippur War because he was waiting for formal approval from Mrs. Meir. Even on the day the war broke out he delayed calling up two reserve divisions until approval was forthcoming from the premier, which cost precious time, Elazar stated.

Therefore, he contended, the Agranat panel was remiss in not placing any responsibility on Dayan. He also claimed that some

400 intelligence reports, some of them warning of the imminence of war, were not shown to him by the intelligence branch.

Had he received them, he might have alerted the

government and the army, he wrote.

Elazar noted that every piece of intelligence he received was also received by the defence minister and that while

the chief of staff had only one source of information — army intelligence — Dayan had access to many other sources.

The defence minister thus bears the same

responsibility as the chief of staff, but the Agranat Committee did not mention that and placed sole responsibility on his shoulders, Elazar claimed in his document.

Curfew ends march through West Bank

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The two-day march through the West Bank by the Gush Emunim and their followers has ended in Jericho where a curfew was imposed to quash an Arab protest demonstration in the centre of town. The military authorities ordered the curfew be-

cause a clash seemed likely between the protesters and the first contingents of marchers arriving this morning.

The marchers themselves dispersed quietly outside Jericho. No settlement attempts were reported. But a group who wish to settle in the town

told reporters they saw the march as the first step in their dream's fruition. They recalled that according to Jewish tradition the walls of Jericho were trumpeted down during Passover.

(In New York, Jewish youths held two separate rallies, today for and

against Gush Emunim and West Bank settlements.)

The march by more than 20,000 Orthodox nationalist militants, which began in the Samarian hills, precipitated a counter-march by thousands of West Bank Arabs from Ramallah to

Kalandia north of Jerusalem where the protesters dispersed peacefully. But violence erupted anew in Nablus, the largest West Bank town.

Savida Taher Jaba, 55, was fatally wounded in a clash between rioters and an Israeli patrol. Jaba, who died in a hospital, was one of three persons shot when Israeli soldiers opened fire to extricate themselves from an alley where they were surrounded by rioters and pelted with stones from rooftops. Israeli troops used tear gas in Nablus to disperse Arab youths who had erected barricades and were burning rubber tires, apparently in protest against the Gush Emunim march.

Unrest was also reported in Tulkarem and Jenin where high schools were forced to close as students boycotted classes to participate in demonstrations.



Dr. Samuel Belkin

Belkin dies

NEW YORK — Funeral services were held at Yeshiva University's Main Centre last week for Dr. Samuel Belkin, president of Yeshiva University for 32 years who was appointed chancellor of the institution in the fall of 1975. Dr. Belkin died at Albert Einstein College Hospital in the Bronx at the age of 64. He had been ill since last August.

Close to 2,000 immigrants receive circumcision after arriving from Russia

NEW YORK — Close to 2,000 Jewish immigrants from Soviet Russia, who arrived in recent years in Israel were circumcized through the Russian Immigrant Rescue Fund here, it has been disclosed. Included in this roster were occasional three generations — father, son and grandson — who were not able to be circumcized while they lived in Russia.

According to the Israeli chairman of the Russian Immigrant Rescue Fund, Meier David

Lewenstein, a prominent Tel Aviv industrialist, a special department within the agency, headed by Rabbi Aaron Chazan, is active in organizing these circumcisions for Russian immigrants in every part of the Holy Land.

He pointed out that "entering into the covenant of Abraham" is a moving experience for the Jewish immigrants, many of whom had to wait for years until their arrival in Israel to fulfil this major Jewish religious observance.

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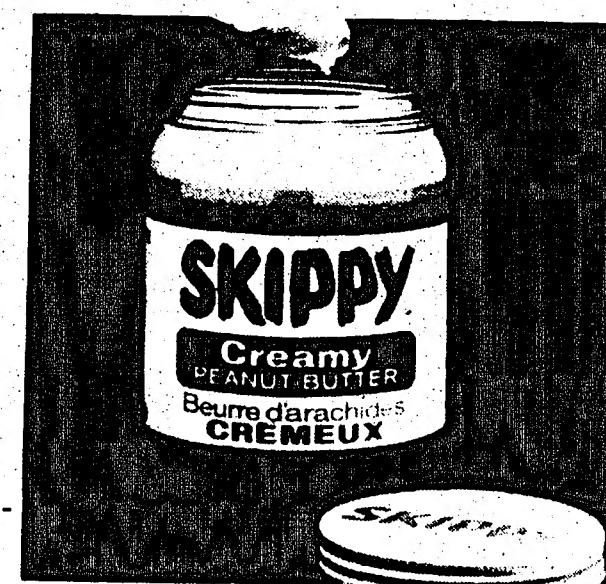
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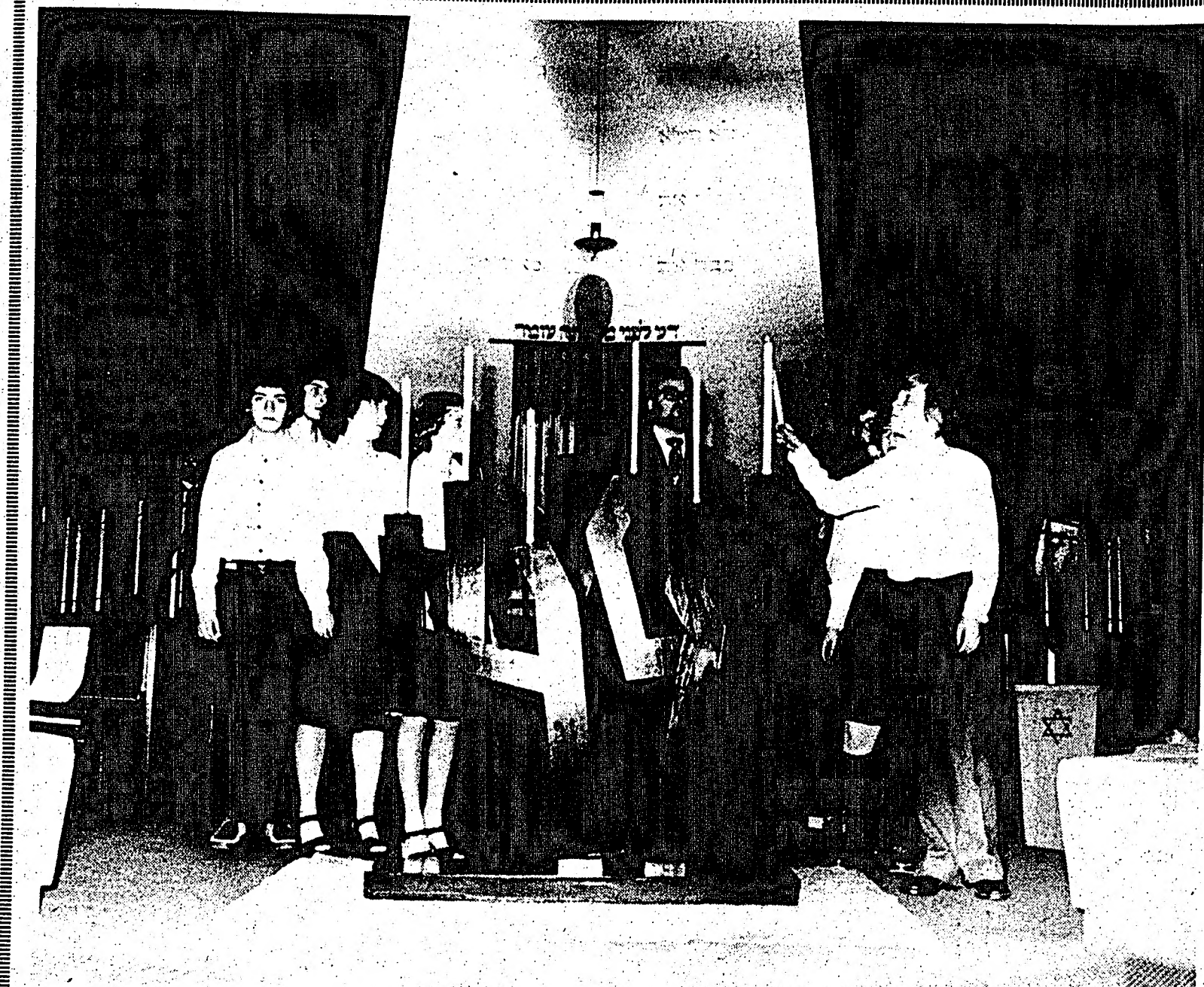
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Students from Toronto Jewish schools light memorial candles for six million victims of Holocaust at Shaarei Shomayim ceremony. Students are Sherri Danziger, Sorrie Feldman, Gad Solomon, Fern Greenberg, Allen Guttman, Sheldon Hershkop, Larry Zeilman and Larry Zierler. Bespectacled man in centre is Harry Wolfe, chairman of Holocaust Remembrance Committee.

May 13 Bonds dinner to honor UN ambassador Chaim Herzog

TORONTO — Community leader Al Latner has been named chairman of the Trustees Dinner in honor of Chaim Herzog, Israel's ambassador to the United Nations, which will be held in Toronto on Thursday evening, May 13, under the sponsorship of Toronto State of Israel Bonds.

A past general chairman of the Toronto bond campaign, founder and president of Friends of Tel Aviv University, Latner has long played a prominent role in Toronto efforts to raise massive economic support for Israel through the Israel Bond program. The dinner, to take place at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, will be attended by community leaders and top-level participants in the bond drive who by their example of support perform a service of extraordinary importance for Israel in a year of grave economic problems. Trustees are purchasers of a minimum of \$10,000 annually in State of Israel Bonds.

As this is the first visit to Toronto by Ambassador Herzog since he assumed his post at the UN, there is keen interest in the message he will bring in his address at the dinner.

"We in Toronto are highly privileged to have this opportunity to meet with and to hear this great and important leader of Israel," Latner commented. "He has been the target of abuse, particularly during the debates on the Zionism-racism issue in the UN and many other confrontations he had with representatives of the Arab states, and he has stood almost alone, defending the rights of the Jewish nation and the

Jewish people, speaking out for sanity and justice. Now it is up to us to show Ambassador Herzog that we are with him all the way, that Israel's well-being and security is of deep personal concern to each of us, and that we as a community will match our deeds to her needs."

A committee has been formed to serve with Latner on the planning and implementation of the Trustees Dinner. Commit-

tee members include: John H. Daniels, Alex Eisen, Sam Faivish, Arnold Friedman, Nathan Godfrey, Murray Goldman, Jack Gringorten, Ben A. Himel, Jack Israeli, Sam Klaiman, David Kosoy, Joseph Lebovic, Leo Perkell, Jack Schwartz, Yehuda Singer, H. Wayne Tanenbaum, Irving Ungerman, Jerry Vengroff, Jack Weinbaum, Bert Wells.

Members of the Campaign Executive Committee directly involved in the event are: Mrs. Norine Daniels, general chairman; Kurt Rothschild, president, Israel Prime Minister's Club; Mrs. Joyce Green, president, Prime Minister's Club, Women's Division; Harry Ennis, trustees chairman; Mrs. Harriet Morton, Mrs. Roma Buchman, trustee co-chairmen, women's division.

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Albert J. Latner

Goldbloom asks Samson to withdraw his remarks

MONTREAL (JTA) — Dr. Victor Goldbloom, Municipal Affairs Minister in the Quebec provincial government, has formally asked Creditist Party leader Camil Samson to withdraw or apologize for his remarks comparing Jewish doctors who perform abortions on Quebec women to Nazi attempts at racial extermination.

Samson refused the request, made in the National Assembly (the Quebec provincial parliament). He blamed English-language journalists with having made an "abusive interpretation" of his comments.

Goldbloom, who is a Jew and a pediatrician, said that "doctors of Jewish origin have rendered service with competence and devotion to the Quebec population without any distinction of religion and color." He noted that 80% of the abortions performed at the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal involved non-French Canadian women and the operations are requested by the patients, not forced by the doctors. "Jewish doctors and the Jewish community as a group feel insulted," he said.

Following Samson's statement before the National Assembly committee, the Joint Community Relations Committee of the Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai B'rith held a meeting to discuss his remarks.

Following the meeting, which was attended by specially invited leading members of the medical and administrative staff of the Jewish General Hospital in Montreal, a statement was released to the press by Joel Pinsky, chairman of the committee, which stated:

"The conscience of all Quebecers must be outraged by the spurious remarks of Camil Samson... By drawing a

parallel with the atrocities committed in Nazi Germany, Samson has evoked the same perverted reasoning which fosters racism and bigotry. These utterances which reveal an unqualified ignorance are an obscene distortion of history and constitute an insult, not only to those

referred to, but to all decent citizens of this province. We are accordingly studying the procedure whereby appropriate redress and censure can be obtained before the National Assembly, from which body we anticipate the co-operation of all honorable members."



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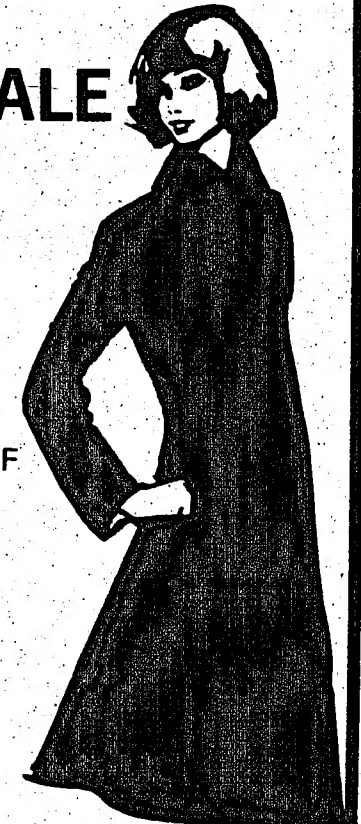
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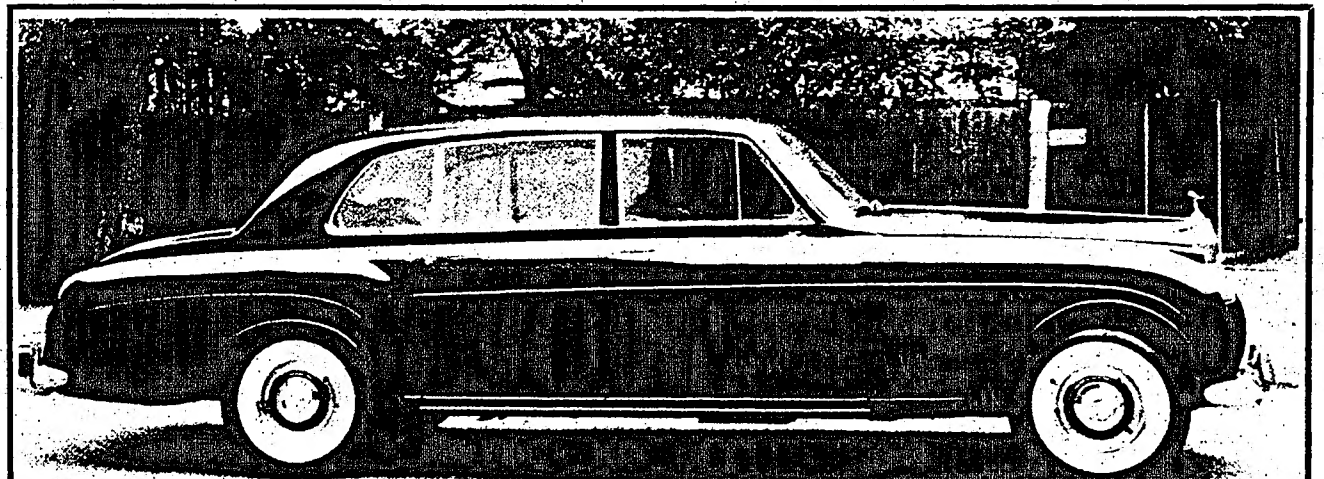
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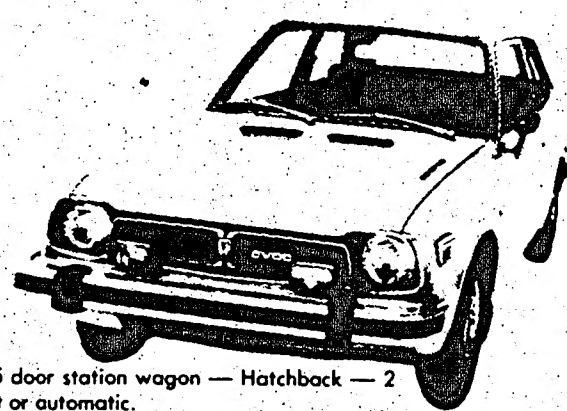
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Director retires

VANCOUVER — Lou Zimmerman will be honored at a gala testimonial dinner here May 5 to mark his retirement as executive director of the Jewish Community Centre.

A former Torontonian, Zimmerman has held the position for 28 years. He worked at Toronto's University Settlement House before assuming his post in British Columbia.

Zimmerman has a brother in Toronto, Dr. Mark Zimmerman, as well as a large family here.

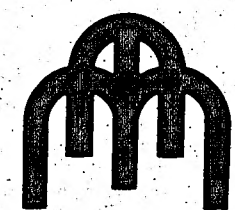


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Despite crisis after crisis

Tiny nation has shown the world
third Jewish state will never fall

On the eve of Israel's 28th anniversary of independence, it is not difficult to pinpoint the problems and dangers that beset the Jewish state. Everywhere one looks, externally and internally, there are developments not calculated to raise the spirits of the nation's citizens.

Israel is on the diplomatic defensive and at no time in her 28 years of nationhood has she been so isolated in the world community. Her legitimacy is questioned at international forums, with the prostituted United Nations setting a shameful example of injustice and racism.

Jerusalem's only ally, the United States, is moving slowly but surely toward the moderate Arab camp and the PLO is gaining political stature and respectability. Arab propaganda, fed by an inexhaustible supply of prodollars, is doing an effective job of skillful distortion of Middle East problems.

To all this must be added the grave internal ills that beset the government. Inflation continues to soar, unemployment is on the rise, and the economy is far from satisfactory. Israeli Arabs are in a rebellious mood and the occupied territories are becoming a burden. Opponents of the Rabin government charge the regime is weak and indecisive in the face of the challenges it must face. And amidst all these difficulties and stresses, the possibility of war still looms large.

If this catalogue of woes sounds like a tale of impending doom, it is not meant to be. Israel has known little else but crisis following on crisis ever since the state was

proclaimed in 1948, but always she emerged battered but with her sovereignty intact and her people united by the common peril. Despite wars and the ever-present threat of still more bloodshed, Israel has, since 1948, built a modern nation and a democratic way of life that has gained the respect of many countries, if not of the Arab lands that seek her destruction.

Contrary to expectations, a modest economic infrastructure emerged, respected institutions of higher learning were expanded and new universities built. An admirable health system was fashioned, the kibbutzim became invaluable models of agricultural management and social idealism, and Israel's political structure, warts and all, attracted the attention and indeed, the admiration of enlightened Western democracies.

Most important of all, Israel has fulfilled her fundamental role as a haven for the dispossessed and persecuted. Holocaust survivors and Jews from Arab lands were welcomed without reservations and integrated into the mainstream of life. Soviet Jews flocked to Israel in increasing numbers until events conspired against this latter-day wave of Russian immigration.

The miracle of Israel is not only that she exists — and will continue to exist — but that her people, through blood and toil, have created a viable society in spite of adversity and crises. This tiny nation has shown the world, much of it hostile, that the third Jewish commonwealth will not fall.

Who remembers the past?

Indifference towards other's fate
simply sparks a reaction in kind

Was it only 31 years ago that the last Jewish victim was consumed by the Holocaust? It seems incredible that one of the greatest crimes in history was committed a mere generation ago. In historical terms, 31 years is like the flicker of an eyelash.

What is equally as astounding is that the so-called civilized world watched it happen. Germany was guilty of planning and perpetrating the crime, but the Western democracies were surely silent accomplices.

The passage of time heals old wounds and obscures tales of horror. The men and women and children who suffered at the hands of the murderers have not forgotten the pain, the anguish or the fear. Nor, rightfully so, have they forgiven the barbarians who carried out these dark, evil deeds.

The crimes of the past lurk vividly in the minds of the victims who survived. But for a large segment of the post-war Jewish and non-Jewish generation, the Holocaust is nothing more than a hazy footnote in history, yet another bloody episode of World War II, hardly worth remembering. But who, in all honesty, remembers the past?

Who remembers the Turkish massacre of Armenians? Who remembers the slaughter of the North American Indian? Who remembers the killing of untold hundreds of thousands of Russian peasants in the 20s and 30s? Who remembers the death by bombing of countless Vietnamese and Cambodian farmers? Who remembers the millions of non-Jewish victims of the Holocaust?

And who cares? It is a devastating commentary on all of us — Jew and non-Jew — that we have become so desensitized to death. Jews often complain that Gentiles callously disregard the tragic immensity of the Holocaust. To a large degree, their criticism is well founded. Yet as long as most Jews themselves display the same type of indifference towards others whose fate has cursed, as long as they abide by double standards, they cannot expect sympathy from those whose interests lie elsewhere.

It is easy to moan and groan that the world is against us. But it is infinitely more difficult to involve ourselves in the plight of the less fortunate. This is the real moral of the Holocaust.

Defeated Nazi Germany champ

Light heavyweight world champion
Rosenbloom was of rare breed

Maxie ("Slapstick") Rosenbloom was one of the last of a rare breed of athlete — an American Jewish boxing champion. In his heyday 40 or 50 years ago, he was the light heavyweight champion of the world, one of a handful of great Jewish fighters the likes of whom the sport will probably never see again.

If boxers such as Battling Levinsky, Bob Olin, Barney Ross and Benny Leonard had one thing in common, it was that they rose to prominence from the depths of poverty. They ruled supreme in the 20s and 30s, when class, religion and ethnic considerations played a far more important role in American society than today.

Boxing brought men like Rosenbloom and Leonard to fame and fortune. It was the vehicle through which hundreds of Jewish boys sought quick economic and social advancement. Boxing saved them from dreary, low paying jobs, and sometimes it saved them from a life of crime.

Maxie Rosenbloom was a typical product of his times. He was born in Harlem, left school in the fifth grade and marked time in a reformatory. His first professional fight occurred when he was 19. He won the

light heavyweight title in 1932 when he defeated defending title holder Lou Scozza.

In the course of his 16-year career, he ran up a solid record of 210 victories, 35 defeats and 23 draws. Probably one of his most celebrated encounters took place when he was pitted against Adolph Heuser, Nazi Germany's light heavyweight champion. Rosenbloom beat him in a 15-round bout, and his victory was considered a factor in Berlin's subsequent decision to bar its athletes from competing with Jews in order to avoid contradictions of the Nazi claim of superiority over non-Aryans.

Rosenbloom retired from the ring in 1939, a few years after losing his crown to Bob Olin. He went into the movies and portrayed punchdrunk fighters and thugs. In 1972, he was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame. His last years were unhappy ones; the cumulative effects of more than 250 professional fights took their toll, and four years before his death he was unable to recognize friends.

Maxie Rosenbloom's boxing exploits will be remembered long after the critics have forgotten his mediocre films.

Since 1948 Israel has made startling improvements
in agriculture, education, transport, communications

By HAIM SHACHTER

In the period of the state's existence, the country's population has more than quadrupled. At the time of the Declaration of Independence there were about 640,000 Jews in the country, or roughly about 6% of the Jewish population in the world. At the end of 1974 the Jewish population numbered close to 2.9 million, or almost 20% of the world Jewish population. In the same period the non-Jewish population of Israel grew from 160,000 to almost 500,000. The growth in the Arab population is to be ascribed mainly to natural increase, while that of the Jewish population, mainly to immigration.

The first wave of immigration brought over the Jewish survivors of the European Holocaust. These were followed by mass aliyot from other parts of the world, bringing to Israel about 500,000 Jews from Arab lands. It was then that Israel allocated the overwhelming part of its resources to the absorption of the new arrivals. In the course of this process homes were built for the immigrants, possibilities of employment were developed, an educational network was established as well as possibilities for professional and vocational training.

In the process of absorption, efforts were exerted for the improvement of social welfare in the country, the reduction of the disparity between the new arrivals and the veteran section of the population as well as that existing between immigrants from different backgrounds and countries of origin, with a view to cementing social solidarity and a consciousness of national partnership and unity.

The waves of immigration from countries of stress brought to Israel many people lacking education or vocational knowledge, invalids and people of a low potential for adaptation and integration into a society of higher standards than those they had been accustomed to.

The most pressing problem facing Israel was that of feeding the rapidly growing number of mouths. In 1948/49 Jewish farmers cultivated some 1,300,000 dunams (a dunam is a quarter of an acre). By the end of 1974, the area under cultivation had risen to 4,270,000 dunams.

At present the country may be said to be almost self-sufficient insofar as its basic food commodities are concerned and its agriculture now supplies over 80% of its food consumption.

The number of people employed in agriculture dropped from 102,000 in 1954 to 84,000 in 1974. This is due, of course, to the introduction of mechanized cultivation. The number of tractors in use in Israel's agriculture rose in the period of the state's existence from 680 to 20,275.

Israel's barren and denuded hillsides have been covered by belts of greenery, and forests meet the eye everywhere. In 1948/49 the area under forests was only 53,000 dunams. By 1973/74 it had expanded to 534,000 dunams of which 108,000 were in government ownership; 462,000 were in the ownership of the Jewish National Fund and 14,000 in the ownership of other bodies.

The afforested area consisted of 363,000 dunams of coniferous trees, 125 dunams of eucalyptus and 96,000 dunams of other

trees (tamarisk, acacia and others). In addition to the afforested area there are 350,000 dunams of natural forest and 250,000 dunams of potential area for afforestation.

The most significant development of all, however, has been registered in the field of transport and communication. No figures are available for the years 1948/49, but by March, 1950, there were 27,124 motorized vehicles in the country. 7,697 were private cars, 1,103 were taxis, 1,111 were omnibuses, 1,153 were commercial vehicles and 6,060 were motor cycles.

By the end of 1974 the number of motorized vehicles had risen to 408,000 of which 267,400 were private cars; 94,000 were trucks and commercial vehicles and 9,578 were public buses traveling 346.8 million kilometres a year. The number of licensed drivers in the country at the end of 1973 was 592,600.

In air transportation, the number of single flights grew from 475 in 1950 to 6,907 in 1974. Its revenue freight increased from 278 tons in 1950 to 33,697 tons in 1974. The mail carried by Israeli aircraft increased from 50 tons in 1950 to 764 tons in 1974.

Startling advances have been made in the field of education. In 1948/49 there were 1,342 educational institutions of all

types (from kindergarten to university) in the country, with a total number of 6,469 teaching posts and 140,817 pupils. (The Hebrew sector accounted for 1,286 educational institutions with 6,283 teaching posts and 129,688 pupils; the Arab sector accounted for 56 educational institutions of all grades, with 186 teaching posts and 11,129 pupils.)

By 1974/75, the number of educational institutions in the Hebrew sector had grown to 6,265, of which 4,279 were kindergartens; 1,457 were primary educational institutions; 606 were post-primary educational institutions (including secondary schools, secondary evening classes, continuation classes, vocational schools, agricultural schools). The number of teacher training colleges in the same period had risen from 12 to 49.

In the Arab sector the advancement has been much more astounding, in that the number of educational institutions has risen from 56 to almost 400. In 1948 there were 45 primary schools, in 1974/75 their number had increased to 287. There were no Arab secondary schools in Israel in 1948; the number now is 77. There were no Arab vocational and agricultural schools in the country at the time of the emergence of the state; at present there are 24 Arab vocational schools, two agricultural schools and two teacher training colleges.

When the state was established there were only two institutions of higher learning in the country — the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the Israel Institute of Technology (Technion) in Haifa. These two had a student roll of 1,635. The intervening period has witnessed the establishment of another five full-fledged universities and a number of colleges which will soon be authorized to grant first degrees. The new universities are: the Tel Aviv University, the Bar Ilan University, the Haifa University, the Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba and the Weizmann Institute of Science at Rehovot.

Opposition Likud leader Menachem Begin defended
against 'warmongering' charges, resignation demands

By HOWARD GRIEF

The Jerusalem Post finds its echo in The Canadian Jewish News. The former in a blatantly biased article by its diplomatic correspondent, David Landau, accused the Likud Opposition of lacking the desire to win power because its leader, the legendary Menachem Begin, was in New York "on a mission to bail out his Herut party from its morass of debts" while Premier Yitzhak Rabin's government was hard put to defend itself from attacks over the U.S.-Egyptian arms deal.

The Post noted that Begin lost eight elections since the state was established and is now more of an electoral handicap than a help because of his "inexpedient rigidity and war-mongering image". The Canadian Jewish News in its lead editorial of April 2, 1976, repeats the same charges and calls on Begin to retire "for the good of his party and country."

I am not privy to Begin's thoughts. However, it is well known that he intends to fight one more election campaign and if he loses, he will retire. In the meantime, despite his travels, he has set his sights on the top job and has repeatedly called for an election to allow the people of Israel a chance to decide whether the non-elected Rabin government should remain in office. Rabin has steadfastly refused to call an election, afraid that the Labor Party, beset by so many rifts, will lose. It is absurd to claim that Begin wants to remain only the leader of the Opposition. He has valiantly fought to improve his party's position and has succeeded to the point where only a shift of six seats from Labor to Likud would result in a new government for Israel.

It is true that Begin has lost eight elections. But weighed against the background of Israel's proportional vote representational system and pre-state history, this fact is hardly surprising. The Labor hegemony in Israel extends almost as long prior to the formation of the state as it has subsequently. Until now, its grip on power was threatened only once before, in 1933, but then the Arielevski murder affair occurred and the threat vanished overnight.

In 1948, the leadership of the Jewish Agency became the provisional government of Israel, under David Ben Gurion. Once in power, the Labor Socialist government became entrenched and it was unrealistic to expect Begin to defeat it, when it controlled all the instruments of power in the state, particularly the Histadrut. Begin's chances were also hurt by the aura of false charges hurled against him in the Altalena affair.

The voting pattern of the Israelis remained relatively fixed, until the cataclysmic events of 1973. After the Yom Kippur War, the newly formed Likud won 39 seats and for the first time, a viable alternative appeared to the government in power. The Likud, which won a plurality of the large soldiers' vote, may have even gained power in the last election, had it not been for the abortive Geneva Conference, convened it seems, just in time to influence the Israeli voter in favor of the ruling Labor Party.

Things seem different now and more optimistic for the Likud. Rabin has proven to be weak and indecisive and not too popular with the Israeli public. Begin is a recognized leader of strength. His weakness is not that he lacks the qualities to be prime minister. It is that his detractors represent him as "rigidly inexpedient" and "warmongering". Begin, a man of great learning and courage, is also a man of

unbending principle, who does not change with the wind, as Rabin is prone to do. It would be easier for him to shift his stand to please his critics, but Begin prefers to remain loyal to his principles, particularly his cardinal belief that redeemed Judea and Samaria shall remain under Israel's control forever.

The warmongering image of Begin is fostered to scare people from voting for him. Anyone who has met Begin knows he is too intelligent to lead Israel into the folly of war, unless this was inevitable. This image of Begin is as false as the persons who propound it.

Begin's travels to the United States and Canada are surely not a point against him. He is a responsible leader of the Opposition. He is also the head of a political party. In this latter capacity, he is doing his utmost to rescue his party from financial straits, brought on by the large debt the Herut originally assumed to support the welfare of the families of Irgun soldiers who were not compensated by the government in the early years of the state. It is not an enviable task Begin had. But he has not shirked from what he had to do and has succeeded in lifting the Herut from its debts. Would any responsible party leader have behaved differently?

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Opposition Leader Menachem Begin — should he call it quits? Editorially, The Canadian Jewish News said yes. But Howard Grief of Canadian Young Herut in this accompanying article says no. "Things seem different now and more optimistic for Likud," he declares.

You can't buy your child's respect with gifts
—you have to earn it by setting an example

By RABBI MEIR GOTTESMAN

Parshat Kedoshim/ Rosh Chodesh Iyar/ Sefirat Haomer/ Yom Ha'atzmaut
Vo'avdil etchem mis ha'amim li'h'yot li...
And I have set you apart from the peoples,
that you should be mine...

Better one son with a high school diploma in Respect — than 10 sons with Ph.D's and no saycheh...

When Reb David of Leluv was a youngster, he ran off to see the tzadik, Rabbi Elimelech of Lizenzk. His father, who bitterly opposed the hassidism, was so angry, that when the boy returned he wanted to give him a thrashing. The father looked high and low, but couldn't find a stick to beat him with. Reb David ran out, found a stick, and brought it to his father... "Here, I saved you the trouble of looking..." (M'Mayanot Hanetzach)

You can't buy a child's respect with a credit card or color television — you have to earn it. Consider... "Kedoshim thilyu — you shall be holy... a man shall fear his mother and father..." It's strange,

though... why suddenly stick to a mother and father — what is it, Mother's Day?

Ah, but it shows... if you want your children to honor you, than first — you yourself must be holy. Why should a child listen to his parents not to marry a Gentile if the father is reading the sports pages instead of a siddur Shabbos morning, or spreading syrup on his pancakes instead of tefillin on his arm during the week? (Sefer Haparsheiyot)

Two boys played hookey from cheder and their fathers stormed angrily after them. "Let's beat them up," the bolder boy suggested. "How can we," the other protested, "the Bible says you have to honor your father?" "Okay, I'll tell you what — you beat up my father and I'll beat up yours..."

A Jewish neshama is like an elevator — it can go up, up, or chas v'shalom fall very low... and every Jew pushes his own button. But the Ribono shel Olam isn't fooled by outsiders — He looks underneath. Imagine... our rabbis taught, "Ger she'nigayer ki'katan she'nolad dami... a convert who converts is like a new-born child..." But it's weird — what kind of double-talk is... "a convert who converts" — why not say, "a Gentile who converts..."

But it teaches an important thing... If a Gentile sincerely converts — not just goes through the motions — but actually keeps the Torah and mitzvahs, it means he had a soul that originally stood at Mount Sinai, but became lost in Mississauga or Weston, and is now returning to its Source. Outside, he may have looked like Tom, Dick or Harry, but inside he was a Chaim Yankel — he had a holy soul, flaming to rise up. When a sincere, observant convert joins

the Jewish people he adds kedusha to Israel. But...

...a Jew whose grandfather had payos a foot long and whose name is Cohen or Ginsberg can commit hari-kari with his neshama — or that of his children... (Chida Hakodesh)

The Yetzer Horah is busy trying to keep Jewish souls in the lobby and out of the penthouse, but there's one way to shoot right up to the top... by caring for other Jews. Doesn't it say, "V'ahavto l'rai'acho kamocha — thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself..." Why love — why not just a polite handshake?

But ahavah — love — in Hebrew equals 13. If a Jew loves himself, and he loves his neighbor as well, then its twice 13, or 26... the same amount as the Ineffable Name, Yud — Kay — Vuv — Kay... If one Jew loves another, he touches G-d Himself... (Reb Avraham of Trisk)

The great scholar, Rabbi Raphael Hamberg, resigned his rabbinic post suddenly. When he was asked why, he explained that he had to hear too much lashon horah — gossip — to stay at his post. Afterwards, he continued to welcome his friends and congregants warmly, but he always cautioned first — "let's not talk about anyone else..."

Jerusalem was destroyed because of sin'as chinam — petty hatreds — and will be restored through Ahavas chinam, unbridled love. Shabbat Shalom and a Guttent Chodesh.

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COMMENT

Visit by South African premier grave political error for Israel

By A.J. ARNOLD

WINNIPEG —

Just before Passover, Chief Justice Bora Laskin, in his role as deputy for the Governor General, welcomed King Hussein of Jordan to Ottawa. At about the same time Premier Yitzhak Rabin was welcoming Premier John Vorster of South Africa to Israel. Even if Hussein did wear a pistol in his belt, his visit to Canada was more to my liking than the visit of Vorster to Israel.

Even harder to take were the remarks attributed to Rabin, suggesting that the beleaguered position of South Africa is similar to that of Israel in the Middle East.

Thomas Land, a leading political journalist associated with The Times of London, recently predicted the obvious in stating:

"The hapless Rhodesian regime is certain to be crushed..." He was surely equally obvious in saying that South Africa is being "forced into isolation, awaiting its own turn, perhaps within a decade."

It is, therefore, not only morally wrong, but a grave political error, in my view, for Israel, to strengthen its ties with South Africa. Any short term trade benefits that may result from Vorster's visit can hardly offset the harm to Israel's image in the international arena that can result from an alliance with the apartheid-racist state of South Africa. Moreover, it does not help Israel to cry that the hands of some black African government leaders are just as dirty as those of most of the Arab government leaders.

Have we forgotten the origins of the

South African regime? Then let's remind ourselves that the Afrikaaner-English government of South Africa, where a white minority dominates and represses a black majority, is the heir of Dutch and British colonialization ventures dating back to the 17th century.

When Dutch colonialists founded Cape town in 1652, Menasseh ben Israel, was seeking permission for Jews to return to England, and the vast majority of the Jews in Europe were still living behind ghetto walls.

Afrikaaner nationalism was first, a response to the British conquest of South Africa and later the means of justifying domination of the native black majority. Zionism, on the other hand, was the Jewish response to the racist excesses of European nationalism.

For Israel to join hands with South Africa is to play into the hands of those who are challenging the very legitimacy of the Jewish state itself. It is hardly necessary to say more. We all know that the King of Jordan is the heir of British machinations which brought about the first partition of Palestine in the 1920s and whether we like it or not it's part of today's Middle East reality. What is more, I have the impression that the wily Hussein has done more to rid himself of the image of being a British puppet than Israeli leaders have done to rid themselves of the "imperialist outpost" image.

Hussein was in the U.S. before coming to Canada and at a Los Angeles meeting, he advanced his own four-point program



South African Prime Minister John Vorster (left), and Foreign Minister Hildgard Muller visit Western Wall while in Jerusalem for talks with Israeli government officials. Vorster also visited the Yad Vashem memorial to the six million Jews killed by the Nazis to pay his respects and lay a wreath on the mass grave of 350 concentration camp victims. (Religious News Service photograph)

for a Middle East settlement including: Israel's return to 1967 rather than 1948 boundaries, which he called "a major Arab concession to peace"; appropriate guarantees for "secure and recognized boundaries of all states in the area, including Israel"; self-determination for the Palestinian people "including the right to establish an independent state in Palestine"; and reparations for Palestinian refugees.

While Arab students in Los Angeles picketed Hussein and called him a "fascist" for his opposition to the Palestine Liberation Organization, the king called on the U.S. "to invite Israel to the conference table." It seems strange to find any Arab spokesman asking Israel to sit down for talks, yet, according to this report, Hussein was "echoing other Arab leaders" in this regard. In a Canadian interview, Hussein

declared that progress in the Middle East requires "a major effort to focus on the Palestinian problem itself."

The moral of contrasting Hussein in Canada with Vorster in Israel should be obvious. The king of Jordan is part of the Middle East reality that Israel must cope with. The prime minister of South Africa is part of the African reality that Israel should avoid like the plague.

Visit to Birkenau chilling; yet experience pales next to that once endured here

By JERRY FAIVISH
(Second of two parts)

AUSCHWITZ —

From Auschwitz, I started a three kilometer walk in order to reach the companion camp of Birkenau. But of course, my walk was nothing compared to the walks of the former inmates of Auschwitz; they hadn't come to see a finished product, they had come to build it.

At about the midway point, I reached a railway viaduct. Naturally I was not the only one to do so — the prisoners had, the Germans had, and even Heinrich Himmler had on March 1, 1941. What I saw from there was an unsettling site which would greet us all — the ominous entrance to Birkenau, "the Gate of Death."

To reach that symbol of imprisonment I trudged along beside the railway tracks. These were tracks which led from Auschwitz, but they had connections from places throughout Europe — places where there were Jews and places where there were Nazis. As I approached the gate I noticed that their path was suddenly interrupted. They had been covered up by the paved road with which they were now intersecting. But what was the difference, I thought, for no one but ghosts use these tracks. Nevertheless, the tracks did not stop here. They continued up to the camp and through it until the end of the line — an abrupt end that was figuratively and literally flanked by a gas chamber on either side. But now it is not the whim of the Germans which stops these lines of steel, but a symbol.

It is called the International Monument against Fascism and it's message says: "Four million people suffered and died here at the hands of the Nazi murderers between the years 1940 and 1945."

Before reaching that monument, I, too, like the past prisoners was immersed in a sombre cluster of structures, ones that consisted of dilapidated brick and wooden barracks fenced in by fragments of barbed wire, and was marked by a forest of chimney cornerstones that indicated the location of the barracks now destroyed. It was a sombre neighborhood whose inhabit-

ants were invisible guards living in watchtowers located at intermittent, yet precise intervals. It was an area of the camp which I was glad to leave.

But there was more to see in this spacious and somewhat empty museum preserve. To my right and left were the crashing stone rubble of crematoria 11 and 111, while ahead of me were more watchtowers and storage houses. I kept on trudging along the pathway, through the grass and shrubs until I reached a scattered line of billboards and posters. In the midst of this wide-open, serene camp that suggested the physical expanse of Birkenau as it was years ago, there were now billboards and posters which pictorially depicted the hell that had occurred here.

But that was not the end. Unfortunately, there was still more. A few hundred yards away, nestled in a sheltered part of the camp, there was a pond of water. I was hot, thirsty and sweating, but the pond would not relieve me. Yet strangely enough, this water years ago had tried to quench an inferno which even fire could not consume. The reason for this was quite simple. This pond was located near crematorium IV. Not even a crematorium could burn as fast as the oven could kill. When the ovens were too full, human ashes were taken from the funeral pyres and dumped into the water.

The water now is a murky, distasteful green. It is said that even today you can see some of the ashes. I just stood there and looked and looked until I could look no longer. I turned around and retraced the steps I had made past the greenery, past the posters, past the buildings, past the towers and past the monument.

I returned to the tracks and let them guide me to the Gate of Death. It was still a long walk and at times I dragged myself along automatically. But as I did, I couldn't help but fill my mind with sounds of a strange duet — the haunting words and melody of "El Maleh Rachamin", whose refrain I kept hearing while in Auschwitz, and the incessant, repetitious shrill blasts of the freight trains entering and leaving Oswiecim piercing my thoughts and the surrounding silence.

Mystery addict, Ellen Godfrey, publishes first novel

Rebecca Rosenthal joins handful of Jewish sleuths

By TOBA KORENBLUM
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —

Into the international gallery of favorite fictional detective characters — Agatha Christie's Jane Marple and Hercule Poirot, Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes and even Kemelman's Rabbi David Small — there comes a local, homespun competitor, Rebecca Rosenthal.

Rosenthal, "noted anthropologist, affluent widow, amateur sleuth and self-confessed snob" is the heroine of *The Case of the Cold Murderer*, written by a self-confessed mystery book addict, Ellen Godfrey.

A busy mother of three who manages her husband's publishing company, Press Porcupine, she wrote the 156-page novel sequestered in a public library, on her previous once-a-week day-off, Tuesday.

Ms. Godfrey entered the business of writing mystery novels, almost in self-defence. She had read just about every book in the genre "except the blonde in every bed, sadistic kind." Her husband of 13 years, David, a Governor General award winning novelist and book publisher, "despised my taste, thought it a waste of time and tried to wean me away," she admits.

Chicago-born and a graduate of Stanford University, she turned from a passive armchair reader of murder schemes to an active plotter. Her protagonist, Rebecca Rosenthal, is one of only a handful of Jew-



Mystery novelist Ellen Godfrey

ish sleuths.

"The Jewish character would not be widely accepted," she says with authority, pointing to the popularity of mysteries detailing the comedy of manners of the British upper middle class — the silver service on the tea tray, the cucumber sandwiches, what the ladies wore to tea, and so on.

The British detective novels, including those by the prolific Agatha Christie, were

in fact anti-Semitic, indicates Ms. Godfrey. "There were allusions to yellow-faced, greasy Jewish financiers and moneylenders. They were rich, vulgar, pushy and of the lowest kind; the type you wouldn't want to invite to your country house," she says. "They never created a Jewish character of the reader's liking or respect — always vulgar oddballs."

The aloof, rather clinical Rebecca Rosenthal is just the sort you would expect at an exclusive countryclub luncheon. The 70-year-old character is an anachronism, unbelievable even in fiction, were she not based on the author's true-life eccentric great-aunt. She practices yoga, shops only at Creed's or exclusive boutiques and has sophisticated culinary tastes; the very same woman who at age 12 guided her orphan brothers away from pogroms in her native Cracow, to Paris and on to Montreal at the dawn of World War I.

An arrogant, self-centred yet refined lady, she lacks the provincial light-headedness of a Miss Marple, the foreign flavor of a Poirot, the cunning of a Holmes and the unsophisticated "haimische" quality of her co-religionist Rabbi Small.

The Case of the Cold Murderer is set in and around a small avant-garde Canadian publishing house — a logical locale for Godfrey, who has eight years of experience in the book publishing field. The ending is not a grabber, there is no butler, no mysterious train trips, or violence, but the hometown landmarks are all there.

Why is the mystery novel form so appealing to a broad readership? "For most

of us," she says, "the world around us is disorderly. It rains on the just and unjust alike; evil goes unpunished; the balance of good and evil is confused. The mystery novel creates an artificial world — the good guys are good and the bad get punished in the end."

This form of literature has readily been associated with the housewife, who absorbs herself in the make-believe world of a cast of arch-villains and cultured heroes — and so it was with Godfrey, as she herself admits.

"There are undercurrents of frustration in women. The world is set up in such a way that there is no possible solution for conflicts," she explains. "Each has to find a way to combine the desire to do right for your children and the deep instinct to create. I tried to make the best compromise."

She has managed to comfortably combine the roles of businesswoman, author, mother and wife, at a countryman's pace. Though living on a farm in Erin, just outside Toronto, she is committed to involving her children, ages 10, 8 and 5, in Jewish community life at Mississauga's Solel Congregation.

Her next novel, again featuring sleuth Rosenthal, is set in Forest Hill and introduces Rebecca's brother, a Spadina Avenue businessman. The plot is already sketched out, but with a smile, and the smallest glint in her eye, Ellen Godfrey teases and refuses to answer the all-important nagging question of "who dunit?"

Mandate charter caused rejoicing but Zionist's jubilation short-lived

Landmark Events In Our History

By ROCHELLE CARR

For several years after World War I, the Allies held numerous conferences to determine what to do with the defeated countries as well as what to do with lands the latter held. One such conference was held in San Remo, Italy in April, 1920. The proceedings on April 24 and 25 were of particular interest to the Zionists. On those two days, an article concerning the fate of Palestine was debated.

Many previous events and attitudes affected the thinking of the powers assembled at San Remo that spring. It was the hope of the Allies that World War I would truly be the "war to end all wars". Part of the plan to carry out this goal was the mandate system whereby various Allied powers would administer certain lands in trust for the League of Nations and thus circumvent the pre-war sting of colonialism.

Because of the variety of lands to be administered, three classes were set up. Class A territories, which would include Palestine under British control, were considered to "have reached a stage of development where their existence as independent nations can be provisionally recog-

nized, subject to the rendering of administrative advice and assistance by a Mandatory until such time as they are able to stand alone."

But, before Britain could become the mandatory power of Palestine, numerous obstacles had to be overcome. Britain and France were jockeying for power in the Middle East while the United States was becoming increasingly isolationist. Attempts at Arab-Jewish co-operation were thwarted by the breakdown of such talks as occurred between Emir Faisal and Chaim Weizmann.

Hanging over all this were previous promises made to the Jews, most notable in the Balfour Declaration, as well as various wartime promises made to the Arabs.

When the smoke cleared from the back rooms at San Remo, Britain held the mandate over Palestine with de facto recognition coming in July, 1920 when the first British High Commissioner arrived in the Holy Land, and de jure recognition in August, 1924 when the Treaty of Lausanne with Turkey (which previously controlled Palestine) came into effect.

The Zionists, many of whom like Weizmann were Anglophiles, rejoiced. Among other things, they viewed article four of the mandate charter as a great step forward for their cause. In it, provision was granted for an "appropriate Jewish agency" to be set up "for the purposes of advising and co-operating with the administration of Palestine in such economic, social and other matters as may affect the establishment of the Jewish national home and the interests of the Jewish population in Palestine..."

Unfortunately, however, their jubilation was to be short-lived. What was settled at San Remo, turned out to be 28 stormy years for the administrators and all the inhabitants of Palestine.

Notes from my diary of Israel



By J.B. SALSBERG

Israel, as is well-known, is a different type of country. It is different for many obvious reasons, not the least of which is that we, Jews of the world, have also been different for a long time now. And it is a cross-section of that "different" people that makes up the Israeli population of today.

Whether this difference is to be welcomed or regretted is the concern of "Batlonim", (impractical, idle chatters). We are what we are because we were what we were and a vast variety of circumstances contributed to the process of our evolution.

We cannot re-write our history but we can help write our future by the changes we will introduce into our collective experiences of today. And it is in Israel where the major Jewish confrontations about our present and, therefore, our future, are taking place.

Unfortunately, the Jewish rendezvous with its future, modern Israel, is beset by many hindrances, the chief of

which is the absence of peace and the continuous threat of war. Nevertheless, life there goes on, good and evil do compete for supremacy and the tentative results — both bitter and sweet — are apparent in the small, everyday behavior of its people.

Let's share some of those symptomatic events that I noted in the diary that I kept during my recent visit to Israel.

"Itzik Manger Street," Tel Aviv

The name plates of Israeli streets are reminders of our history that goes back some 4,000 years. The memorable ones of every generation and every important centre of our existence are remembered and are given honored places at the intersections of rebuilt cities and new neighborhoods of the renewed Jewish state. History, Jewish history, truly comes to life on every corner of every street in every city and town in Israel.

That the great of every past epoch should be recalled is natural enough. The inclusion of the names of the founders and all subsequent leaders of the many branches of the Zionist movement and the architects and subsequent builders of modern Israel is understandable. But Israel has also found honored places for many of the departed great of modern Jewish, including Yiddish, cultural and literary personalities, some of whom were uninvolved in the Zionist effort. Yes, Israel has shown paternal forgiveness to even those of her children who opposed the vision of a return to the ancient homeland.

The great names of Yiddish literature, for instance, are mainly unknown and completely unmarked in Russia, Poland the Ukraine, Galicia, Lithuania,



Yiddish poet Itzhak Manger

Romania, where they lived and worked during the past two centuries or more. Nor have the great of Yiddish literature in America fared better in so far as public, civic recognition is concerned. Yet all, or almost all, of the front-rank Yiddish literary personalities have been remembered by Israel and their names, in increasing numbers, shine upon all who pass by from the street plates of Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Haifa and other

centres of the ingathering.

These thoughts came to me dramatically as I was about to cross an extension of an older street in the heart of Tel Aviv and saw the name of the brilliant Yiddish poet Itzik Manger, as I raised my eyes to find the name of the street that had not existed two years before.

Sentimental? No crime even if it were only that. But it was much more. It was an unforgettable reminder of the fact that Israel, "little Israel", is the ingathering of our cultural heritage and the memorializer of those who, in all parts of the world, contributed to that heritage.

Secular, political Chassidism in Israel
Traditional Chassidism was transformed by the early, youthful Zionists from Eastern Europe, into a secular, political lifestyle in Israel. Inspiring political leaders of specific ideological sectors of the Zionist movement became the secular reube of their followers. The followers became attached and devoted Chassidim.

In the fullness of time, the leading disciple became the inheritor of the rebbe's mantle of leadership and authority and the Chassidim of the old rebbe usually transferred their loyalty to the new one.

That tradition still holds in Israel today. It exists in the parties that form the government and in those that form the opposition. It exists in religious or semi-religious parties as it does in secular or non-religious parties. The leader is the rebbe and his followers are dependable, dedicated Chassidim.

Is this good or bad? I don't know. I only know that it exists and I am watching its evolution.

Organizations and People

what's new...

By MIRIAM HERMAN



SUNDAY HAPPENINGS

This Sunday, May 2, is chock full with interesting things to do — so get your running shoes ready —

Renowned Russian-born opera singer Misha Raizlin brings his special magic to Toronto again for the concert being staged by Beth Tikvah Synagogue. An Evening of Song goes on at 8 p.m. For tickets, call the synagogue or 223-0485.

Also at 8, a new revue with excerpts from the best of Broadway goes on stage at Holy Blossom Temple. From Adam to Tevya, is a potpourri of comedy, songs and drama reflecting Jewish life from biblical times to today. For tickets, call the temple or drop into Miriam's Gift Gallery.

Then there's the concluding concert in the Beth Tzedec Music Festival 5736 series, featuring the Orford String Quartet in a program of Mendelssohn, Glick and Beethoven. The time is 3 p.m.

Champagne and Treasures, Mount Sinai Hospital Auxiliary's gala fundraiser, begins at 6 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Proceeds go to research, and some lucky winner will come away with a \$5,000 grand prize.

Another fund-raiser for medical research is the annual tea put on by the Leukemia Research Fund at the home of Mrs. Joseph Berman, 33 High Point Rd. It runs from 1-5 p.m. and in addition to browsing through the beautiful gardens, you'll be able to pick up some gift items at the various boutiques set up for the day.

In a more serious vein — A panel discussion on The Jewish Contribution to Canadian Cultural Arts is slated for 8:15 p.m. at Hamilton's Jewish Community Centre. Panelists will be Sid Adelman of The Toronto Star, conductor Boris Brodt, journalist Susan Cohen and actor Eugene Levy, with McMaster University professor Dr. Norman Rosenblum as moderator. Hamilton B'nai B'rith Women are co-sponsoring the program.

And Hersh Smoliar of Tel Aviv University, will be speaking at the Borschoff Centre at 8:30 p.m. under the auspices of the New Fraternal Jewish Association. His topic — Anti-Semitism in Soviet Russia — Its Origin, Practices and Perspectives.

Beth Shalom's new group, One Day at a Time (for single parents, widowed and divorced, in the 25-42 age bracket) is getting together at 8 p.m. for a talk on Roving Men and the Single Parent by Dahlia Steckelove, a lecturer on creative divorce. The group is co-ordinated by Rabbi Meir Gottesman.

For bargain hunters, there's a bazaar from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Georges Vanier High School (Don Mill Rd., north of Sheppard), sponsored by Shaar Shalom Synagogue, complete with door prizes, raffles, an auction, and something for everyone.

A puppet play with life-size marionettes, called *Lost and Found Beast*, plus a personal appearance by Heatter Gossie of *Polka Dot Door*, are on the boards for the Kiddies at 1 and 3 p.m. at Earl Haig Collegiate, 100 Princess Ave., Willowdale. Tickets at the door, or call 889-1009. Sponsoring organization is Thornhill Lodge of B'nai B'rith.

The annual meeting of the Jewish Immigrant Aid Service of Canada, central region, at 8 p.m. at Temple Sinai will hear Gynor Jacobson, executive vice-president of HIAS.

FOR LAWYERS AND SUCH
Several Canadians will be attending

the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists international congress scheduled for Aug. 22-27 in Jerusalem. For those interested in further details about the conference, The Canadian branch is hosting a reception on Wednesday, May 5, from 5-6:30 p.m. at Hotel Toronto, with Ontario Attorney General Roy McMurtry as guest of honor. For information, call 787-3006.

INTER-FAITH MEETING

Who Cares — We Do is the theme of the open forum sponsored by the Inter-Faith Women's Committee of the United Way this Thursday, the 6th. Guest speaker is Rev. Richard Jones, retiring president of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews. The event, under the chairmanship of Shoshana Cole, is at 1:45 p.m. at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, 230 St. Clair Ave. West.

SISTERHOOD CONFERENCE

On Sunday, the 2nd, the Ontario Branch, Women's League for Conservative Judaism heads for Or Shalom Synagogue in London, Ont., where their two-day annual spring conference is being held. The agenda includes a keynote address by Mrs. Rudolph Astor, chairman of leadership training; Torah study sessions with Rabbi Yaakov Rone, and the installation of officers and board.

SECULAR ORGANIZATIONS

A group of Torontonians will be going to the Conference of Secular Jewish Organizations being held in Philadelphia May 28-31. The list so far reads: Dr. Martin Belman, Dit Sohn, Ethel Patt and Jerry Kane, plus teenagers Erin Belman, Fern Belman, Jamie Gray, Josh Sohn, Caroline Lewis, Lisa Helfand, Deborah Rochman and Jana Zuker. If you're interested in joining them, call Helaine Shiff at 488-0688.

IF YOU ARE MAKING ALIYAH

Israel's Consul General Shmuel Ovnat is hosting a reception for those who are making aliyah to Israel in the near future. It takes place at the Consulate offices, 102 Bloor St. West, at 1 p.m., Wednesday the 5th.

Also — Moshe Yarosky, who made aliyah a few years ago, is in Toronto for a few days and can be reached through the Israel Aliyah Centre office. The number is 781-4660.

YOM HA'ATZMAUT

Torontonians are celebrating Israel's Independence in a very big way — First, don't forget the community-wide program at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, on Tuesday, May 4, highlighted by an address by Israeli Ambassador Mordechai Shalev. It begins at 8:45 p.m.

Then on Wednesday, the 5th, Beth Shalom Synagogue is bringing in the Barry Sisters and a supporting New York cast. Showtime is 8 p.m. Tickets through the synagogue office.

Ontario United Israel Appeal president Alex Serota will be speaking at a special service at Beth Am Synagogue led by Rabbi Kenneth Tarlow and Cantor Moshe Katz. That date is Tuesday, the 4th at 8:30 p.m.

And Abraham Tooeh, Keren Hayesod representative, will be on hand for the B'nai Israel Beth David special service called for 8:15 p.m. on Friday, the 7th.

By JOSEPH ALMOGI

As Israel is about to enter the 29th year of its existence both the state and world Jewry face difficult challenges and urgent tasks which we must make all-out effort to meet.

The first and foremost challenge is that of preserving the existence of the Jewish people. It is particularly in societies where the Jews enjoy social freedom and economic affluence that the danger of assimilation looms large. Day by day, the Jewish people keeps

on losing many of its sons either through intermarriage or gradual estrangement from Jewish and Zionist consciousness and attachment.

We must counteract this situation, placing the greatest stress on the preservation of the Jewish and Zionist identity of the young generation. This can best be done through a strengthening of Jewish education which must be accorded a prime place in the scale of priorities.

The status of the Jewish teacher must be enhanced and Jewish education must be placed on the firm foundations of

Jewish historical continuity and the centrality of the state of Israel in Jewish life.



The second challenge is that of stepping up aliyah which has recently lost some of its momentum. Little wonder that the Arab states continue to demand the limitation or even the complete stoppage of immigration to Israel. They know only too well that without this vital factor the state would become atrophied, lacking vitality and hope.

The increase of aliyah is a vital requisite of the state. While in Israel itself every effort must be made to improve the conditions of absorptions of the new arrivals, in the Diaspora we must try to open up Jewish hearts and imbue them with the ideology that will bring aliyah to the forefront of Zionist precepts.

The third challenge is that of continuing the struggle for Jewry in the Soviet Union and in the Arab lands. Recently, a conference met at Brus-

sels for the purpose of arousing public opinion throughout the world to this problem, and in order to protest to the Russian authorities over its stiffening of attitude towards Jews seeking exit permits.

It was made clear that our struggle is by no means directed against the Russian regime, but that it is purely a humane and Jewish struggle. The conference was an impressive manifestation of Jewish unity. It can only be hoped that our efforts will bear fruit.

At the same time our struggle for the defense of the Jewish communities in the Arab states where they are suffering oppression continues unabated. We continue to press the demand for the right of Jews to leave these countries.

The fourth challenge is that of consolidating the state of Israel both politically and socially, and of endeavoring to thwart the attempts to vilify the ideological foundation of the state — the Zionist idea.

The 28th year of Israel's independence was another year in which the state continued its endeavors to attain a peace.

We face challenges and tasks

UJWF sponsoring seminar on money

TORONTO —

An updated version of the successful seminar held last year on financial planning and money management will be presented under the auspices of the Women's Committee — Endowment Fund of the United Jewish Welfare Fund of Toronto.

The three seminars will be held on successive Wednesday mornings at Holy Blossom Temple, on May 5, 12 and 19.

The seminar will deal with gift tax, capital gains tax, succession duties, wills and administration of estates, with special focus on estate planning. Gordon E. Cooper, a tax and estate planning

specialist and a partner in the law firm of Goodman & Carr, will conduct the first two sessions, while Christopher Stringer and Shirley Griffin, senior trust officer and trust officer respectively with Canada Permanent Trust Company, will lecture on May 19.

The series is being updated and repeated in response to numerous requests from women who attended the seminar last year, as well as from women who were unable to attend, according to Gerda Friedberg, women's committee chairman.

All lectures begin at 9:30 a.m. and each one includes a question and answer period.

Diplomat Judith Beilin to address luncheon

TORONTO —

Judith Beilin, one of the outstanding women in Israel's diplomatic corps, will fly to Toronto on May 6 to address the opening sponsor luncheon of the Israel Bonds Women's Division being held that afternoon at the home of Mrs. Gerald Shear, 25 Chieftain Crescent.

Currently serving her third term as consul of Israel in New York, Mrs. Beilin is one of the few women in the world appointed to serve in this capacity in a major world capital. Previously, she was liaison officer in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Jerusalem.

In the forefront of causes dedicated to expanding opportunities for women, Judith Beilin has represented Israel on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, relating to the Commission on the Status of Women. Born and educated in England, she graduated from the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art

and became a successful actress on the stage and with the BBC before coming to Palestine.

While a member of the Haganah, she worked with the fledgling Palestine Broadcasting Company, and it was she who announced over the Haifa Haganah radio the establishment of the state of Israel on May 14, 1948.

Mrs. Marvin Kalifer and Mrs. Ephraim Diamond are serving as co-chairmen of the Women's Sponsor Committee for the 1976 Israel Bond Campaign. Toronto has one of the largest sponsor divisions on the continent, comprising hundreds of women bond supporters who annually purchase a minimum of \$1,500 in Israel Bonds in their own right, over and above their family purchase. This group has expanded its numbers substantially over the years, as women have steadily raised the level of their personal bond purchases.

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Mordechai Richler's classic, *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, has become the first novel by a Canadian writer to be translated into Hebrew. It has just been put out by Israeli publishing firm Am Oved of Tel Aviv, with funds provided by Canadian Publishing Foundation, a charitable organization set up by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Richmond of London, Ont. The foundation arranges for translations of Canadian works into foreign languages for publication and distribution abroad.

Along with his numerous chairmanships and directorships, Murray Koffler has taken on yet another important community responsibility — that of honorary chairman of the Multiple Sclerosis Society Carnation Day campaign. The campaign is held the first week in May throughout the country to raise funds for research into the cause and treatment of the disease.

A trust fund has been established at the Jewish Public Library in memory of Marilyn Finkler. To commemorate her talent in writing and painting, combined with her love for Israel, her parents Arnold and Leona Finkler, are setting up a yearly prize for Yiddish literature or art, to be awarded to the most deserving person in the field. The award will be presented at each yearzeit of Marilyn's untimely passing.

Novelist-playwright Harry Pollock is to be the author highlighted at Bathurst Heights Public Library Canadian Authors Night set for Tuesday, the 4th, at 8 p.m. He will be talking about his recently published *Gabriel* — A Novel, the story of a Jewish immigrant boy growing up in Toronto's Jewish ghetto during the depression.



Dr. Reva Gerstein

More kudos to Dr. Reva Gerstein — Named as one of Ontario's 25 outstanding women last year, and a member of the Order of Canada before that, plus honorary doctorates from at least three Ontario universities, the Toronto psychologist and educator has just become the first woman to be elected to the board of directors of The International Nickel Company of Canada.

Also on this week's honor list is Senator Lazarus Phillips who is to be honored at the annual dinner of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University in Montreal. A number of his friends have established the Senator Lazarus Phillips Chair in history at the university, and the presentation is to be made at the dinner which takes place at Shaar Hashomayim Community Hall on Monday, May 3rd.



The CJN's food columnist Marcia Kretzmer, is taking a month's sabbatical to do research for future articles and her column will re-appear about the middle of May.

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| May 2 | C.J.M.R. Radio, 1190 on AM Dial, "Israel Independence Day Program" direct live broadcast from Israel from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. |
| May 2 | Beth Tzedec Congregation, "Music Festival '76," Orford String Quartet, 1700 Bathurst St., 3 p.m. |
| May 2 | Beth Tikvah Synagogue, "The Magic of Misha Raitzin," an evening of song, 3080 Bayview Ave., 8 p.m. |
| May 2 | Bnei Zion Schools (Upanat Drot Girls' School and Or Chaim Yeshiva) Annual Banquet, Rabbi Louis Bernstein (New York), guest speaker, Clanton Park Synagogue, 11 Lowesmoor, 6 p.m. |
| May 2 | Holy Blossom Temple, "From Adam to Tevya," an original revue presented by the Performing Arts Council, 1950 Bathurst St., 8 p.m. |
| May 2 | Hamilton Jewish Community Council, "Jewish Contribution to Cultural Arts," a panel discussion with Sid Adelman, Boris Broitt, Susan Cohen and Eugene Levy, 57 Delaware Ave., Hamilton, 8:15 p.m. |
| May 2 | Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, Annual Meeting, Gaynor Jacobson (New York), guest speaker, at Temple Sinai, 210 Wilson Ave., 8 p.m. |
| May 4 | "Israel Independence Day Celebration" at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., 5:45 p.m. |
| May 5 | Israel Independence Day Festival Services in synagogues in Toronto, a.m. |
| May 5 | Beth Shalom Synagogue, "The Barry Sisters - In Concert," 1445 Eglinton Ave. West, 8 p.m. |
| May 10 | Toronto Jewish Congress, T'nach Study Group, "Nahum, Chapters 2 and 3," Victor Sefton, lecturer, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m. |
| May 11 | Association of Jewish Senior Clubs - Fifth Annual Conference, with Senator David A. Croft, Doctors C. Schwenker, John Farina, A. Griffin and Miss H. Holmstedt, guest speakers, at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St. For additional information call Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elders at 789-7841. |
| May 11 | Labor Zionist Alliance, "The Reluctant Prophet - Jonah," Rabbi Henry Hoshander, guest speaker, 14 Viewmount Ave., 8:30 p.m. |
| May 13 | Beth Tzedec Congregation, "Who are the Palestinians?," Prof. Itamar Rabinowitz, lecturer, 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m. |
| May 17 | Holy Blossom Temple, Heinz Warschauer Tribute Dinner, 1950 Bathurst St., 6:30 p.m. |
| May 17 | Bialik Hebrew Day School, P.T.A., Theodore Bikel - in concert, Adath Israel Synagogue, 37 Southborne Ave., 8:30 p.m. |
| May 20 | United Synagogue Day School, "An Evening With Myron Cohen," Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m. |
| May 24 | Toronto Jewish Congress, T'nach Study Group, "Habakkuk - Introduction with Chapter 13," Jack Burke, lecturer, Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St., 8:15 p.m. |
| May 25 | Labor Zionist Alliance, "Can There be Dialogue Between Judaism and Christianity?," Rabbi Immanuel Schochet, lecturer, 14 Viewmount Ave., 8:30 p.m. |
| May 26 | Toronto Zionist Council, Rabbi J. Sternstein, guest speaker, Jerusalem Hall, 788 Marlee Ave., 8 p.m. |
| May 27 | Beth Tzedec Congregation, Israel Action Committee, "Judaism and Islam - Background to the Arab-Israel Conflict," Prof. Eugene Rothman, lecturer, 1700 Bathurst St., 8:30 p.m. |
| May 30 | C.I.A. - Israel Emergency Fund, "Walkathon - Walk 31 Kilometers for Israel," starting at Baycrest Centre, 8 a.m. |

Active in B'nai B'rith

Prominent community leader

Arthur Harris dead at 69

TORONTO — Prominent B'nai B'rith and community leader, Arthur Harris, died last week at the age of 69. A member of the board of governors of District 22, he also served on the boards of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and Canadian Friends of Boys Town, Jerusalem.

A former Montrealer who headed his own import company, Harris devoted a large proportion of his voluntary work to B'nai B'rith and was the recipient of two awards from the organization for his efforts.

Past president of Empire Lodge and the Toronto Regional Council, he was awarded B'nai B'rith's New Lodge founder award in 1965. A sponsor of Yorkdale Lodge, he received its testimonial tribute award of the state of Israel in 1964.



Arthur Harris

member of the advisory board of Hillel at the University of Toronto and

was active in promoting the Israel Scholarship Fund for secondary school children. His communal interest included volunteer work for the Jewish National Fund.

He leaves his wife Sara, daughter Elaine and grandson Jeremy. Brother of the late Herman Harris, he is also survived by his sisters Anne Burns, Estelle Haber and Phyllis Branson, all of Montreal.

Funeral services were held at Holy Blossom Temple.

TREES TALK

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Young Judea to present Israeli culture program

voice of youth

By JEFFREY LIPSITZ

At Young Judea's convention last December in Kitchener, it was decided that members would plan their activities based on the four major inter-related concerns of the movement: Israel and aliyah, Judaism, Diaspora Jewry and local community work.

"Over 200 members and other interested Jewish youth in search of a Jewish atmosphere in their hometowns and while at university away from home are drawn together at the 13 YJ Centres throughout Ontario, from Niagara Falls to Kingston," according to Benny Vidal, shaliach for YJ.

Groups of "Kochot" (for members of ages 14 and 15), "Bogrim" (16 and 17-year-olds) and "Magshirim" (older members through university age) may generally be found in those 13 centres, in addition to groups of "Giborim" (for children eight to 10 years old) and "Goshirim" (10 to 13-year-olds) which also exist in other smaller communities throughout the province. Vidal said:

Meetings are held every Friday at the Toronto Centre (the "Bayit"), 588 Melrose Ave. just off Bathurst St. Up to 50 members attend such meetings, as well as special programs such as movies, Chugim (interest groups) on Israel and Upanim.

A project known as Caravan will be launched by YJ in the coming weeks. Vidal told The C.J.N. Members will present to smaller communities programs that will include Israeli dances and music, short plays and other multi-media productions about Israel.

Young Judean Mark Baranek commented on the functions which his movement carried out in the realm of social action. He noted that "YJ tries to create a Jewish presence for its members, wherever they are. The movement speaks out against anti-Semitism (often covered on campuses and in the media in a cloak of anti-Zionism).

Our members are present at protests and demonstrations, where such action is warranted."

Beth Tzedec USY will host a youth ball — a formal dance for members of the Eastern Canadian Region — on Saturday night, May 15. More information will follow as the date approaches, but reservations must be made through your chapter president immediately so he/she can turn in money at spring board meeting, May 7. Cost is \$10 per couple, \$6 for singles.

This weekend, April 30-May 2, there will be an NCSY Shabbaton at Adas Israel Synagogue, Hamilton, with the usual varied program of Shabbat festivities.

For full details contact your local NCSY representative or call Regional Director, Rabbi Beryl Schulman at 635-9057.

Also from NCSY: If you'd like to find out what yeshiva life is really like, you will have your chance during the second two weeks of July. All high school boys — those considering yeshiva and those who would just like to visit — are invited to

attend a two-week live-in seminar at Ner Israel Yeshiva in Baltimore, the parent institution of Toronto's own Ner Israel Yeshiva.

Total cost for the two weeks is \$85. Contact Rabbi Schulman for details.

BIBDY-JUSY members (USYers from Beth David and Beth Emeth chapters) will be paying a return visit to Rochester this weekend. The cost is \$25. For more information contact your youth advisor.

Don't forget about the Israel Products Fair at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave., from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. this Sunday, May 2. It is one opportunity to show your support for Israel and her products just before the 28th anniversary of her independence next Wednesday.

As in the past, this city's youth community will be out in full force at the annual Yom Ha'atzmaut celebration at Beth Tzedec Congregation, 1700 Bathurst St., next Tuesday night, May 4, at 8:45 p.m.

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Senator Croll to deliver keynote address at fifth annual conference for seniors

TORONTO — Senator David A. Croll will present the keynote address to the fifth annual Conference for seniors at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on Wednesday, May 12. The conference is sponsored by the Association of Jewish Senior Clubs and held under the auspices of Co-ordinated Services to Jewish Elders.

This year's theme, In Step With Life, will cover a wide range of topics of special concern to seniors in all areas of everyday living. The format according to conference chairman Ben Shapero and vice-chairman Lou Kernerman, will be similar to that of previous years. There will be an opening dance on the evening of May 11 at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, co-hosted by Beth Shalom Seniors and Beth Tzedec Chai Club.

Senator Croll has been a staunch advocate in government on behalf of Canada's senior citizens for many years. He was chairman of the Senate Committee on Aging and headed the Study on Poverty. His topic at the conference is entitled In Step With The Times.

In addition to the senator, other conference participants include Dr. Cope Schwenger, professor of Community Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto; Dr. Amy Griffin, professor, Faculty of Nursing, University of Western Ontario; Dr. John Farina, professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Toronto; Hope Holmsted, chairman, Ontario Advisory Council on senior citizens.

The two-day conference will include discussions on the current government cutbacks in social services, which affects seniors more than any group in society. "The environment has changed since last year," Ben Shapero commented, "and seniors who are the most vulnerable, are caught in the economic squeeze."

The annual conference for seniors gives Toronto's Jewish elderly a platform to speak and take action as a group to redress their grievances to all government levels.

Britons combat Arab economic boycott

TORONTO — An Anti-Arab Boycott Co-ordination committee, under the aegis of the Anglo-Israel Chamber of Commerce, is actively combating the boycott in Great Britain. The ABC provides legal and other professional advice to companies and individuals who have come under boycott threat and pressure.

In an interview while on a private visit here, Chamber Secretary Allan Burke said he has found more results are achieved by standing up to the boycott. "Companies find

if they do stand up, they don't suffer," he said. The Chamber's ABC committee, with representatives of 20 major British Jewish organizations, educates the public about the boycott, besides following up on individual cases connected with it.

Burke, a long-time naval officer, for Britain during World War II and for Israel during the War of Independence, has been chamber secretary since 1953. Founded by the late Lord Israel Sieff, its present chairman is Lord Marcus Sieff of Marks & Spencer. The

Chamber has about 500 members.

"We want our government to forbid firms to sign documents with any boycott provisos," said the 57-year-old native of Manchester. But he expressed little optimism this might happen in his country.

Last year, Britain exported about \$550 million worth of goods from Israel while total exports from Israel to Britain was about \$200 million.

Because of union difficulties, so far this year British exports are down while Israeli imports are

up, says Burke. Israeli imports are citrus fruits, avocados, other fruits, plywood, fertilizer, rough diamonds and canned fruits and vegetables. A major future growth area is fashions.

While here, Burke met his Canadian counterpart, Colin Melamer, along with Ray Wolfe, Canadian chamber president, and Phil Granovsky, president of United Israel Appeal of Canada.

Israeli representatives in Britain are not members of his Chamber's board, says Burke, be-

cause "they would inhibit our independence. Some have told us what to do and we have had to strongly emphasize our independence. To retain our independence, we mustn't accept subsidies."

The Chamber is financed through company and individual subscriptions and its monthly trade journal which Burke edits. The only non-Israeli ever appointed to command a major war vessel in the Israel navy, Burke was the recipient of many awards and medals for his service.

Israel issues coin for 28th Independence Day

JERUSALEM — Israel will issue a new coin to commemorate its 28th Independence Day, May 5, 1976. The theme featured is "Israel's Strength Through Faith" based on a play of letters and word.

Each letter of the Hebrew alphabet has a numerical value. Thus for 28 the letters used are "kar" for 20 and "chet" for 8. These two letters, together, also form the

word, "koach" meaning "strength."

The new coin will be offered only to registered subscribers of the Israel Government Coins and Medals Corporation, in mid April, with a cutoff date for orders on May 15, 1976.

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Israel Discount Bank

Bank opens Toronto office

By LEWIS LEVENDEL
CJN Associate Editor

TORONTO — The second of Israel's big three banks — Israel Discount Bank Ltd. — has opened a Toronto representative office. Bank Leumi has been here for 20 months and Bank Hapoalim is expected to open an office here next month.

This is further recognition of the importance of Toronto and its Jewish community by Israeli institutions. It also reflects the marked upsurge of Canadian investments in, and trade with Israel, over the last few years.

The tastefully-furnished office of Israel Discount Bank, with assets of \$3.5 billion dollars, is in the Commercial Union Tower of the Toronto Dominion Centre. Its representative, is David Barr, 55, a sixth generation sabra and a former head of the Israel Investment Authority.

Asked why his bank opened an office here, Barr explained: "The trade relationship between Canada and Israel is increasing. More and more investments are being made in Israel. It is a growing area and we felt it would be advantageous to be here so the services of our bank in New York and Israel could be placed in the hands of Canadians."

Founded in 1937 by the Recanat family, the IDB has over 200 offices in Israel and a main bank in New York. It also maintains branches in Nassau, Grand Cayman Island and Luxembourg, and representative offices in London, Miami Beach and in Latin America. In Geneva, IDB is associated with Discount Bank (Overscas) Ltd.

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Barr says his bank maintains a low profile. "We achieve results by giving service. We do everything low key." The opening of the Toronto office was planned for quite some time. "We are very careful and slow to move into new areas."

Barr will travel throughout the country and eventually the IDB hopes to open office in other cities. A member of the Israel Bar, he was active in government ser-

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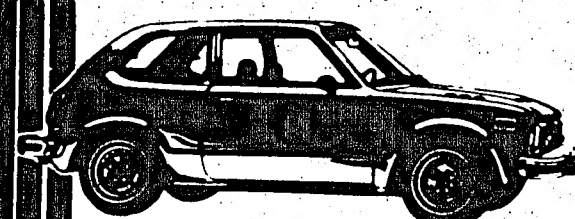
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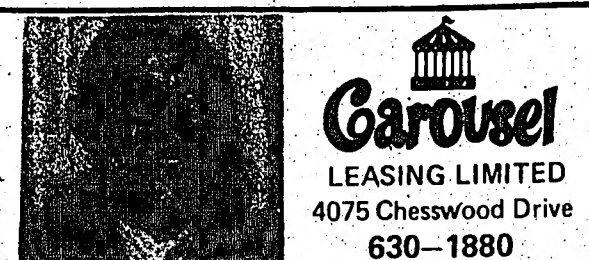
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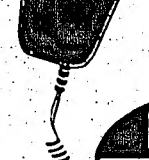
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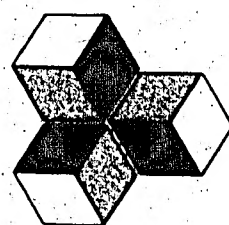
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Arts

Raitzin, 'great operatic voice', will sing at Beth Tikvah May 2

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Misha Raitzin, one of the great operatic voices of our time, is being brought back to Toronto by popular demand following his major success performances here last September. This time, he will be performing on Sunday, May 2 at 8 p.m. at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Born in Russia, Raitzin was a star performer with that country's most prestigious companies, including the Leningrad and Moscow operas. He has also been acclaimed as soloist with the Moscow Philharmonic as well as with a touring Russian ensemble in Prague, Bucharest, Warsaw, Berlin, London, Paris and

over twenty other major European cities.

Since his arrival in Israel in 1972, he has sung as leading tenor with the Tel Aviv Opera and as soloist with the Israel Philharmonic under Zubin Mehta. In addition, Raitzin completed a tour of West Germany, South Africa and Mexico which has been justifiably described as "triumphant".

This versatile musician performs equally well in operatic arias, art songs, folk songs in Hebrew, Yiddish and other languages. Despite the fact that he is now lead soloist with the New York Metropolitan Opera, he permanently resides in Israel.

Just one example of his very favorable press is quoted here from a review in the London Times, May 18, 1970: "a performance that will long be remembered for its power, lucidity and emotional pathos." That's Misha Raitzin, appearing May 2 at Beth Tikvah.



Misha Raitzin

NEW JEWISH RADIO PROGRAM: At last the real thing has come to Toronto: a Jewish radio program which accurately reflects the pulse of Israel today. Produced and narrated by Michael Givon, the show, entitled *Am Israel*, is heard Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 on CJMR (1190 on the AM dial).

This trilingual (Hebrew, Yiddish and English) program includes a

Kol Israel radio-news broadcast in both Hebrew and English; some current Israeli hit-parade and show music; comedy, both in Hebrew and Yiddish, and interviews. I was extremely pleased to hear the recent interview with American Black leader Bayard Rustin, leader of BASIC (Black Americans to Support Israel Committee); not only because the Toronto mainstream media had totally ignored his important March 30 visit here and speech at OISE, but also because it was a concise, highly informative interview conducted by Givon. The week before, there was a recorded Yiddish skit about a Russian Jew eager to leave the Soviet "paradise" for the Tel Aviv "hell". Perhaps, for the sake of those listeners not fluent in either Hebrew or Yiddish, brief translatable explanations of the comedy sequences would be appropriate, so that they can be appreciated by a maximum audience.

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Variety is the keynote of 24th Aviva Art Show

art

By JULIANNA BORSA

Crowded between the pianos and the income tax service on the fifth floor of Simpson's downtown department store is the area devoted to this year's selections of the Aviva Art Show. After May 6, the show will be moved to the Inn on the Park for the evening auction on Saturday, May 8.

For the 24th consecutive year, the Aviva Art Show, oldest and largest of its kind in the city, continues to serve its twofold purpose: to support youth aliyah and Hadasah-WIZO services in their humanitarian work with children in Israel and to promote Canadian art.

To do this, the organizers have arranged what amounts to a capsule review of recent showings in galleries across the city. Whereas galleries tend toward solo exhibitions, here an opportunity is provided to view and compare side by side the works by many artists; over 120 are represented this year.

The show is in three sections. Its main component is the sculpture and painting exhibit that will comprise the auction. For the first time, it has been augmented by a group of Canadian graphics, for sale during the show. Finally, a selection of jewelry by artists, "miniature sculptures to wear", has been assem-

bled and will be for sale prior to the auction.

Variety seems to be the keynote of the exhibition, and so it offers interesting comparisons for the viewers. For example, some may prefer Jeanette Nestel's elegant *Cocktail Party* in polished bronze on smoked plexiglass, while others, the humorous and flamboyant paper mache figure on a similar theme by Ian Leventhal.

Some will appreciate the minute details in Betsy Fruitman's bronze, *Story Time*, still others delight in the simplicity of Eve Korda's untitled aluminum sculpture. Fred Powell evokes the mystery of a *Night Cafe* in wood; Michi Boone's sculpture, *Sea Spirits*, is in stitched fabric.

The range in painting is equally broad: from Rita Letendre's bold, diagonal hard-edge style to the subtle tone variations in Kazimir Glaz's piece: *From the strange world of Garry Slipper* to the soft watercolor of Ray Catell.

The narrative, the figurative, the naive and the abstract are all represented. The show, therefore, is an excellent opportunity to survey various trends.

But variety should be least surprising as a characteristic of Canadian art. The catalogue quickly reveals the diversity in training and background of the participating artists; along with the native people, artists born in India, Poland, Singapore and Holland are among the many who have contributed to the show.

The choice is wide and will please the taste of many. The pieces are contemporary, but not revolutionary in style, so that they will easily find their place in a home. Each year new names have been added to the list of exhibitors, and the subsequent rise of many to prominence lures the interested to this worthwhile cause. The possibility of discovery makes this annual event an important and exciting one that will culminate in the auction at the Inn on the Park.

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By KAREN HOFFMAN

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tains, hoping eventually to get to that minaret. One kilometer, two, three and four — and suddenly we come to a brand new town, Ramot.

in 1895 a handful of Jewish families attempted to establish there an agricultural settlement. The mosque with its minaret is still above us, though

Still above us, though much nearer, but we decide to make a stop at Ramot first.

Looking around we have grand views in all directions — the Arab village of G'ib of the cunning Gibeonites of old to the north; the panorama of modern Jerusalem to the southeast; the Radar Hill which saw much bitter fighting in 1948 to the west; and "Nabi Samuel", our mosque and minaret, where the Judge Samuel lived and is thought to be buried, right above us to the northwest.

ning policy the city is to grow from an outer circle of suburbs toward the city centre.

Ramot will comprise a number of socially integrated neighborhoods, of a unified design, each with a local network of public services such as kindergartens, mother and child care centre, medical centre, all-day nursery, synagogue, shops, bank, post-office and elementary school.

The main traffic link with the city will follow the natural curve of the valley. Within the housing area itself, the traffic will be separated from the pedestrian walkways. Public transport connects the neighborhoods with each other as well as with Jerusalem.

Inspired by this beautiful and serene setting — away from the hubbub of the city centre, Ramot's first residents represent

yet another version of the pioneering spirit that is rebuilding Israel. The hardships of being pioneers in a new neighborhood, like infrequent transportation, shopping

needs, and in general, the problems of organizing the social and cultural life of a new community, have given the first families a "halutzik" feeling of building something to-

gether. The cultural backgrounds of these Ramot residents represent a true Israeli mosaic — a young Israeli sabra couple, both husband and wife born in

Jerusalem; a young religious immigrant family from the U.S. who tried a moshav before moving to Ramot; an American woman photographer; a retired rabbi and his wife.

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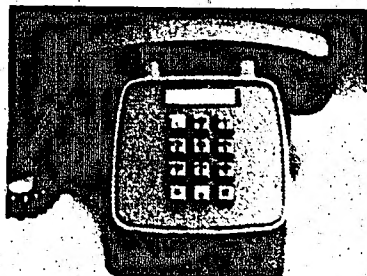
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David Kosoy of Young Leadership unit will lead Israel Bonds contingent

TORONTO — David Kosoy, co-chairman of the Young Leadership Division, Toronto State of Israel Bonds, will head the local contingent attending the President of Israel's "Invitational Delegation to Israel" taking place April 26 to May 6.

One hundred and fifty leaders of the young Jewish community from throughout the United States and Canada will be participating in this special conference convened by the president to acquaint them with the realities of Israel in all its facets, to enable them to grasp the impact of their people's past, and to

inspire them to help assure the future. With co-chairman Mrs. Edie Glazer, Kosoy also headed the Toronto delegation at the Founding National Conference of New Leadership of Israel Bonds held in Washington earlier this year to create a national structure to implement their goals.

"New Leadership is a vital and timely response to Israel's need for commitment from the young Jewish community on this continent," Kosoy declared. "Edie Glazer and I, along with our executive committee have been greatly encouraged by the growing enthusiasm for this concept in our Toronto young people as we have reached more and more of them with our program of Orientation, Recruitment and Education."

"This is the basis for the aggressive and innovative program we have in the works for this summer and fall, beginning immediately after the Israel conference. We are confident we will produce valuable results for Israel in this important area of enrolling new, first-time Israel Bond buyers." Others attending the Young Leadership Conference in Israel from Toronto include Mr. and Mrs. Paul Orenstein, and Ms. Mickey Sprackman.

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In last week's CJN, a picture of Toronto representatives in the World Bible contest identified one of them as Rosy Feinger. That was incorrect. It should have read Rosy Feiner. The CJN regrets the error.

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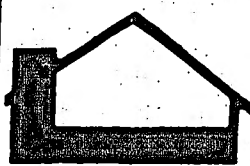
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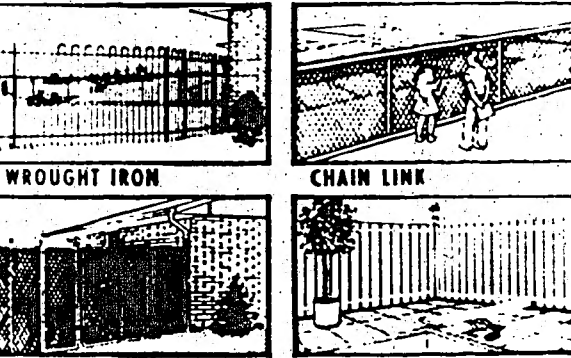
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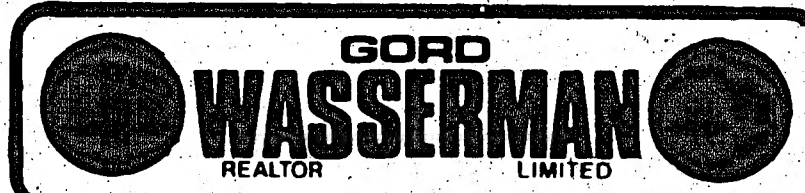
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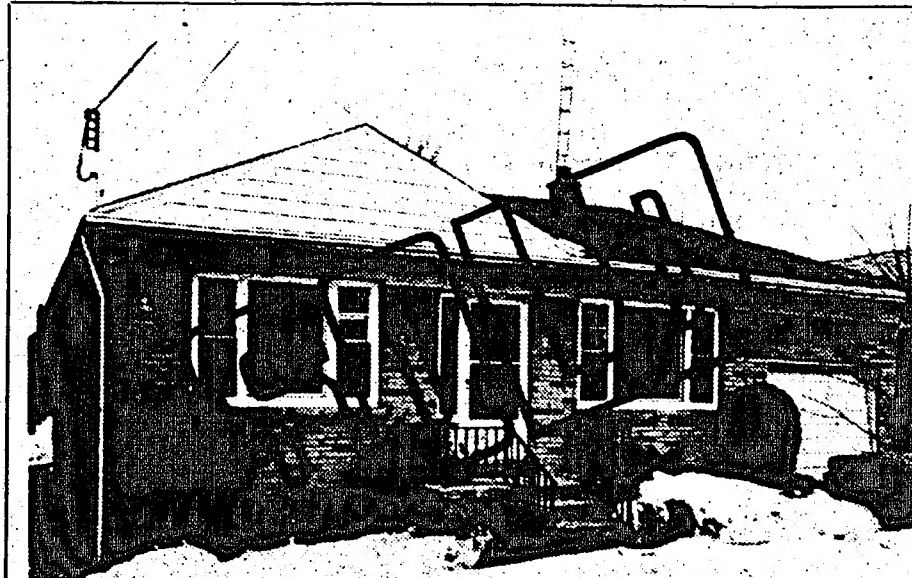
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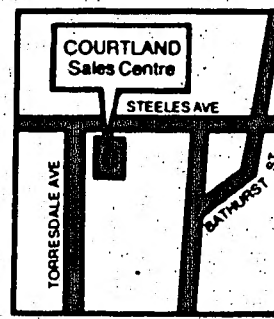
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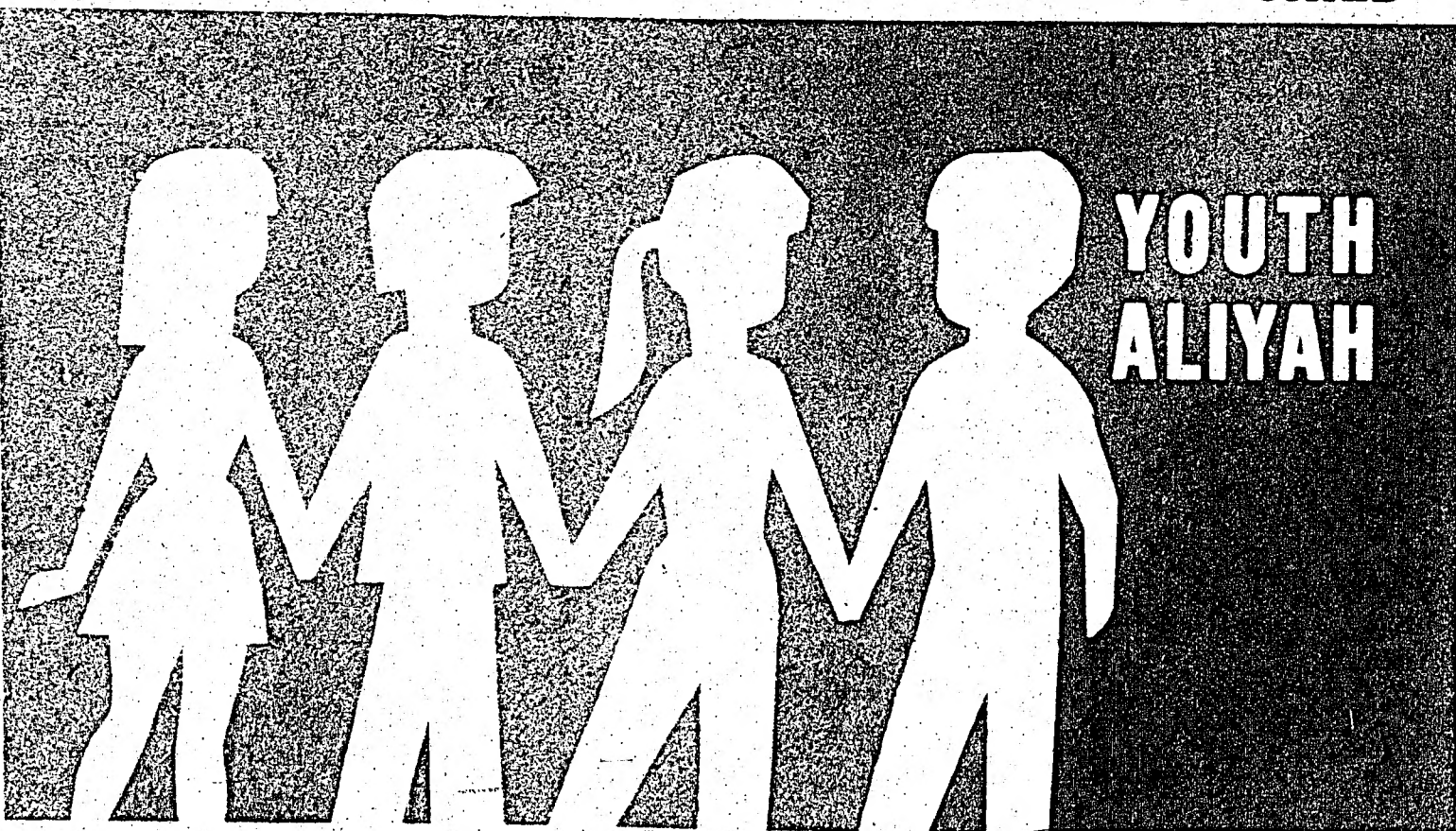
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